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Greek-Italian Peace Believed Likely, But Italy Says "No"

Special to the "Telegraph"

SOFIA, Mar. 4 (UP).—A high neutral diplomatic official told the "United Press" to-day that the Greeks can be expected to make peace.

King George and the present Government officials who are favourable to England may retire to Crete and continue their relations with the British while a new Government seeks peace.

RENDEL ASKS FOR PASSPORT.

Britain Carries Out Threat To Bulgaria

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The Berlin radio announced to-night that diplomatic relations between Bulgaria and Britain had been severed. The British Minister, Mr George W. Rendel is reported to be leaving Bulgaria as soon as final arrangements can be made for his departure.

Asks for Passport

SOFIA, Mar. 4 (UP).—It is unimpeachably reported that Mr William Rendel the British Minister will ask Dr Filoff the Foreign Minister for his passports at 10 a.m. on Wednesday thereby severing Anglo-Bulgarian relations. Mr Rendel announced his decision in the presence of a meeting of the Polish, Belgian, Greek and Dutch diplomats.

According to a highest Bulgarian source, the Bulgarian Foreign office advised the Polish and Dutch Ministers and the Dutch Charge d'Affaires that they may no longer continue their diplomatic missions in Bulgaria due to the situation created by the entry of the German troops.

A high Axis source said that a special German emissary is arriving at Ankara at 10 a.m. to-day carrying a personal message from Hitler to President Inönü assuring the Turks that the Germans have no intention of attacking Turkey or the Dardanelles.

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—A TURN to Back Page, Column 3

INDO-CHINA Parties Still Seeking Solution

TOKYO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Mr Matsukawa is reported to have asked the Vichy Government to give a final reply to-morrow noon to Japan's plan for the solution of the Thai-Indo-China dispute.

The truce in the frontier war between Thailand and Indo-China ends on Friday.

Mr Matsukawa's request, it is stated, was made when he saw M. Arsene Henri, the French Ambassador to-night. M. Henri is stated to have been non-committal in his attitude towards the plan which was previously reported to have been accepted "in principle" by the French Government.

15,000 Japanese Troops Concentrated at Tonkin

Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 4 (UP).—Authoritative Chinese circles told the "United Press" to-day that 15,000 crack Japanese troops with modern mountain climbing and a large amount of military supplies, including mountain guns, shells, aviation gasoline and bombs are concentrated at Tonkin, with exact target of attack as yet not clear.

Observers pointed out that the possible movements of the mountain climbing units must firstly be northward toward Burma over the ancient paths connecting the French Tonkin district with the southern Shan States; secondly, to advance westward along the Red River and the Black River valleys towards Yunnan, both measures aimed at cutting communications.

BRITISH TAKE NEARLY 10,000 PRISONERS IN ITALIAN SOMALILAND

NAIROBI, Mar. 4 (UP).—To-day's communiqué says that British troops have occupied Iscia Baidoa and Bulo Burti where "large stocks of arms, petrol, foodstuffs and stores of all types continue to be discovered. The number of prisoners taken is approaching 10,000 giving the lie to the statement made by the Italians that Italian Somaliland had been voluntarily evacuated."

EAST AFRICAN OPERATION

CAIRO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The British main advance is progressing satisfactorily in Italian Somaliland, states an official

communiqué.

Meanwhile, it continues, subsidiary operations are continuing towards the south-east frontier of Abyssinia, where on March 1 a further 1,000 prisoners were taken.

S. African Air Force

NAIROBI, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—On March 1 and 2, the South African Air Force carried out raids on southern Abyssinia. On March 1 a fortified position north of Havello was bombed and on the following day a bombing raid was made on positions near Cabata. Several direct hits were scored and hostile rifle fire silenced. Pilots on reconnaissance flights over Italian Somaliland report that natives in the Lugh, Ferrandi area were carrying white flags.

R. A. F. Communiqué

CAIRO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—An R.A.F. communiqué says—"Italian East Africa: Continued support has been given to our advancing troops. The fort at Burro has been heavily bombed and enemy positions were machine-gunned. The landing ground at Asmara was machine-gunned by fighter aircraft of the South African squadron and several enemy aircraft were damaged."

Enormous Fleets In The Making

Latest Revelations By "Jane's"

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Striking evidence of the ever-growing naval expansion of the Great Powers, particularly the United States, and of the destruction of a major part of Mussolini's battle fleet is contained in the 1940 edition of "Jane's Fighting Ships" which estimates that 40 capital ships are under construction or on order in the world to-day.

The same quarters also admitted for the first time that the German army in Bulgaria is of considerable strength, and they described it as a "security army" prepared for all eventualities.

Diplomatic Relations

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—An official statement regarding Germany's attitude towards Greece was handed to foreign journalists to-day. The statement says: "Now as hitherto diplomatic relations exist between Berlin and Athens, but the general relations between the two countries can hardly be described as good since Greece has harnessed herself to British interests."

Greece To Fight On

ATHENS, Mar. 4 (UP).—The Greek press to-day hints that Greece will oppose any German interference in the Italo-Greek war. At the same time the newspapers are confident that British aid will be available.

R. A. F. Pound Away

Invasion Bases Again Heavily Attacked

LIBYAN CAMPAIGN

Free French Had Arduous Task

CAIRO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—With the surrender of Kufra, an oasis in southern Libya, yet another holy place has been freed from the Italian invader.

To complete operations resulting in the capture of the oasis, a party of Free French forces marched 500 miles from their desert base. Contact was originally made with the Italian garrison early in February and on one occasion an enemy attack was heavily repulsed.

A military spokesman told "Reuter": "The only two oases, Kufra and Gerabah, which might conceivably threaten the Allies, have been put out of action. The immediate problem is how to dispose of the 1,000 prisoners captured, and they will possibly be disarmed and left in Kufra."

The Free French authorities have no information about the final assault on Kufra, but admit that it was taken against vastly superior numbers.

Total Prisoners

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The British took more than 133,205 prisoners during 62 days of the Libyan campaign, according to an official communiqué.

This may be compared with 130,476 Germans who the British Army captured in 63 days in the last months of the Great War.

The total now in India exceeds 120,000.

These have been placed under military jurisdiction.

In the course of the proclamation, General Cunningham warns that actions against public peace or the British forces will be punishable by death or lesser penalties.

He concludes: "All existing laws, customs, rights and properties in the said territory will be fully respected so far as they are consistent with the proclamation. So long as the inhabitants remain peaceful and comply with my orders, they will be subjected to no more interference than I consider essential to the performance of my duties. And they need have no fear."

PHILIPPINE IS. DEFENCE

Congress Opinion

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 4 (UP).—

—Senator Lister Hill, chief Democratic Whip and a Military Affairs Committee man, predicted to the "United Press" overwhelming approval of Philippine defence measures.

He said: "I think we have a definite responsibility to protect the Philippines and it will remain our primary responsibility to do so until they are independent. The purpose of the defence measures is to put us in a position to defend the Philippines; additionally, the measures are steps in support of our Far Eastern policy."

One Republican Military Affairs Committee man said that most Republicans would "go along" with the Philippines' defence measure as a matter of firmness in our Far Eastern policy.

Italians In India

BOMBAY, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—A further 6,700 Italian prisoners of war have been landed here in the last two days.

The total now in India exceeds 32,000.



Sidi Barrani War Ruins

Before General Wavell's triumphant troops entered Sidi Barrani, one-time Italian stronghold on the north Africa coast, the port was reduced to ruins by the terrific bombardments of British land and sea guns. This picture, taken after the capture of Sidi Barrani shows what was left of Italian barracks after a naval pounding.

Daring Kidnapping Affair Carried Out In Shanghai

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Mar. 4 (UP).—Five Chinese, three of whom were armed, to-day kidnapped Dr Hsu Wei-sing, American educated and President of the Second Higher District Court which is controlled by Chungking.

The kidnappers are believed to be pro-Wang Ching-wei elements in view of the fact that Hsu headed a Chungking-controlled court in French Concession; however, after the French had handed over this court to the Wang Ching-wei regime, Hsu and other judges moved into the International Settlement where they re-opened their court.

Dr Hsu was returning home together with his wife when kidnapped. He had alighted from his car and had entered his apartment in French Concession when the kidnappers pushed him back into the car and drove off, using their own cars as well as Dr Hsu's, having pushed out his wife and chauffeur.

The communiqué states: "Greece and Albania: A small formation of R.A.F. fighters patrolling in the vicinity of Corfu yesterday intercepted a squadron of bombers, Italian Caproni 007 (Italy's new three-engined long-distance bombers) and shot down two of them into the sea. A few minutes later, the same squadron of our fighters encountered another formation of the same type of bombers which were returning from the raid on Larissa. Three of these enemy aircraft were also shot down."

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ALBANIA

New Bomber Type Shot Down

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Artillery In Action

CAIRO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Intense artillery action on the Albanian front is reported by the Athens radio to-night. An Italian tank was hit by Greek gunfire and burst into flames, the crew being killed.

Chungking Posts

CHUNGKING, Mar. 3 (Central News).—General Ho Kuo-kwang was sworn in this morning as Commander of the National Gendarmerie and concurrently Deputy Garrison Commander of Chungking. Simultaneously, General Chong Cheng assumed his posts as Vice-Commander of the Gendarmerie and concurrently Dean of the Gendarmerie School.

Matsuoka Directly Contacts Churchill

New Far East Hopes

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Following a 30-minute conversation between Mr Shigemitsu, the Japanese Ambassador, and Mr Churchill to-night, it is understood in well-informed quarters that the talk has greatly clarified the air and has revealed that general problems in the Far East are responsive to understanding treatment, learns "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent.

Mr Shigemitsu handed Mr Churchill a communication from Mr Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister.

It will be recalled that Mr Matsuoka sent a direct message to Mr Churchill, to which the latter replied on Monday, February 24.

Mr Matsuoka has now sent his response to Mr Churchill's observations.

The conversations to-day were, therefore, continuation of the talk which have been proceeding for some time.

Oceania Speech

TOKYO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The speech by the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr Matsuoka, last week, wherein he was reported as stating

that "the white races must cede Oceania to the Asiatics" has provoked a long statement from the "Domei" news agency.

The agency says that the speech was misunderstood abroad and that there was nothing aggressive in Mr Matsuoka's speech. It also says that Mr Matsuoka's actual words were "It is my consistent intention that the white races should give the Japanese and other Asiatic races the chance to emigrate to and develop Oceania, at least."

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Mexico & America To Discuss Mutual Aid

Special to the "Telegraph"

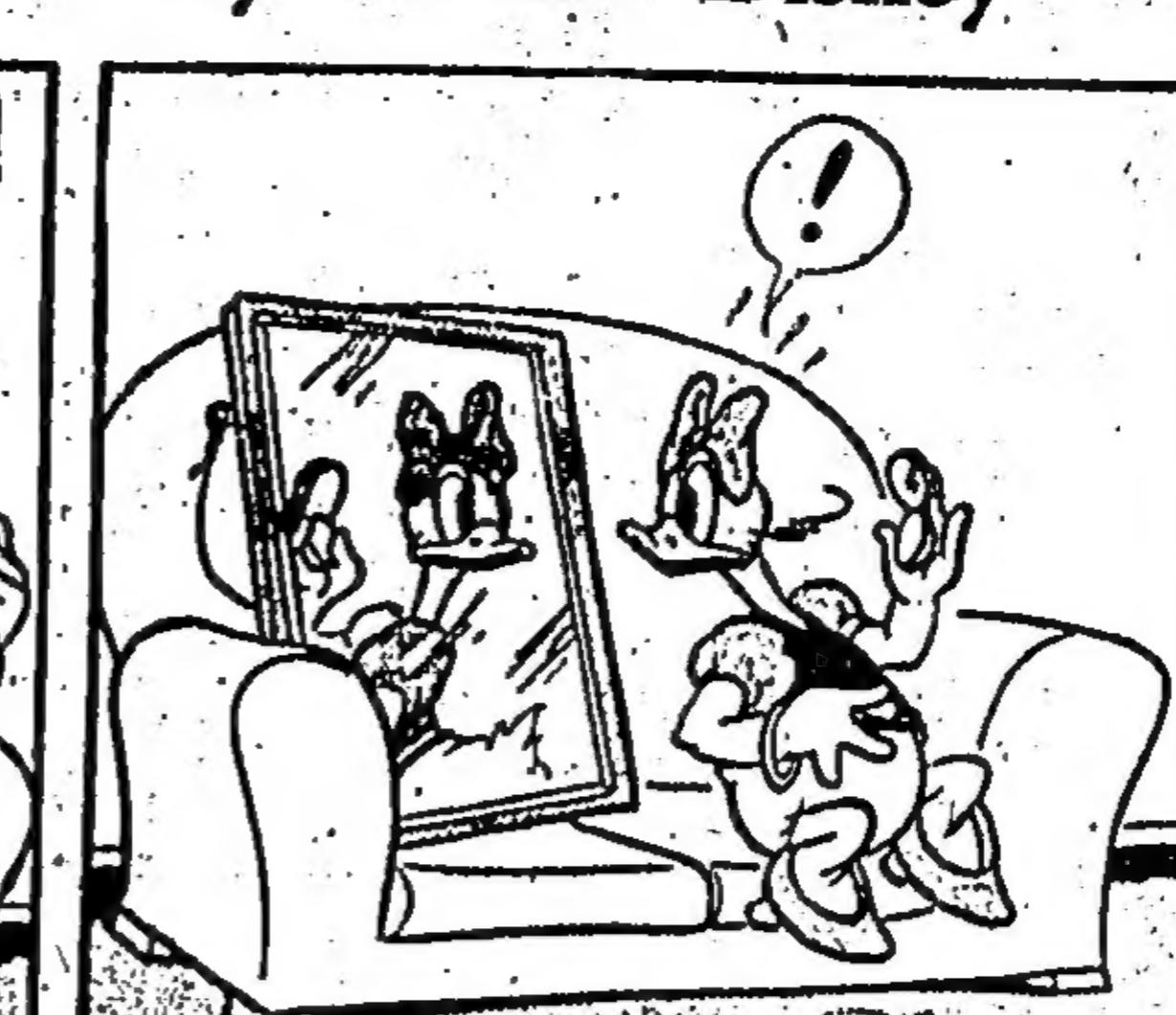
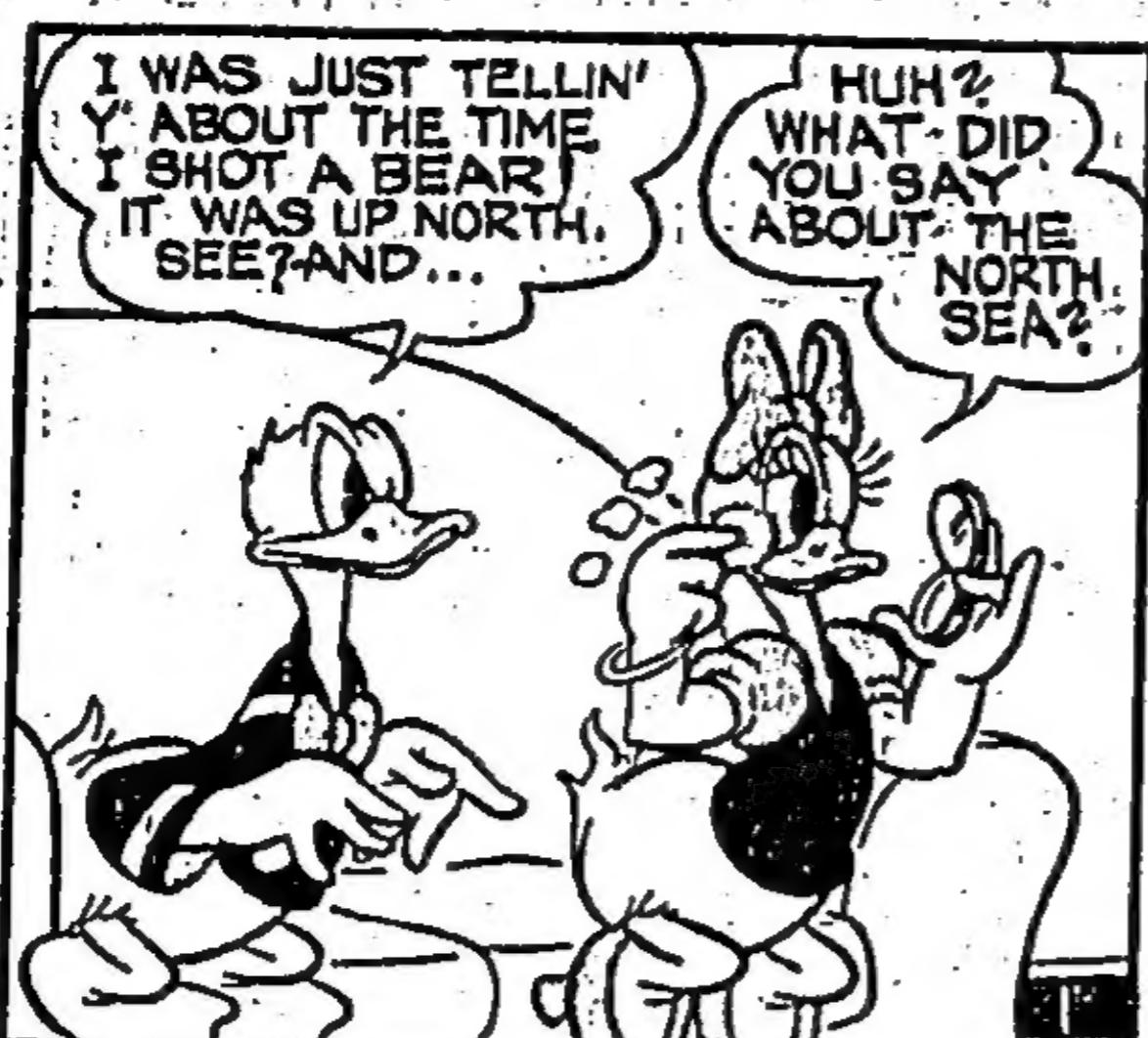
WASHINGTON, Mar. 4 (UP).—The State Department announced to-day that Mexico had instructed her Military, Naval and Air Attachés at Washington to discuss "with experts designated by the United States Government", plans relating to the assistance which the two countries would render each other in the event of aggression against either of them.

"In the conversations which are now making progress at Washington for the purpose indicated, the representatives will study the manner of carrying out the collaboration, observing always with the greatest regard the principle of the national sovereignty of the two States."

"The announcement said that the conversations were undertaken under the hemispheric defence accord reached last July on the occasion of the second consultative meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the American Republics."

It stated that Mexico and the United States "agreed to exchange their views in order to co-ordinate suitably the progress of their common defence."

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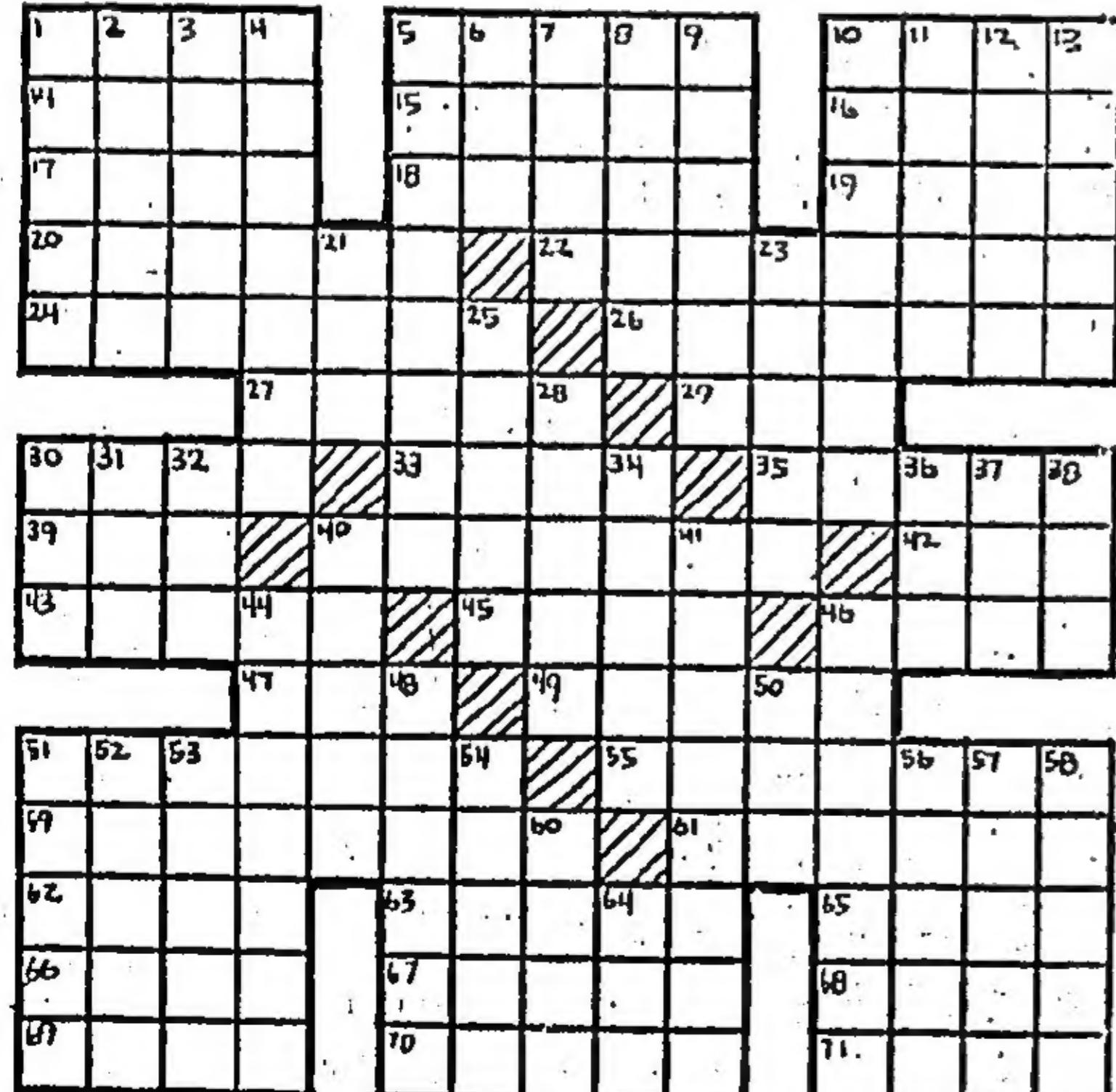


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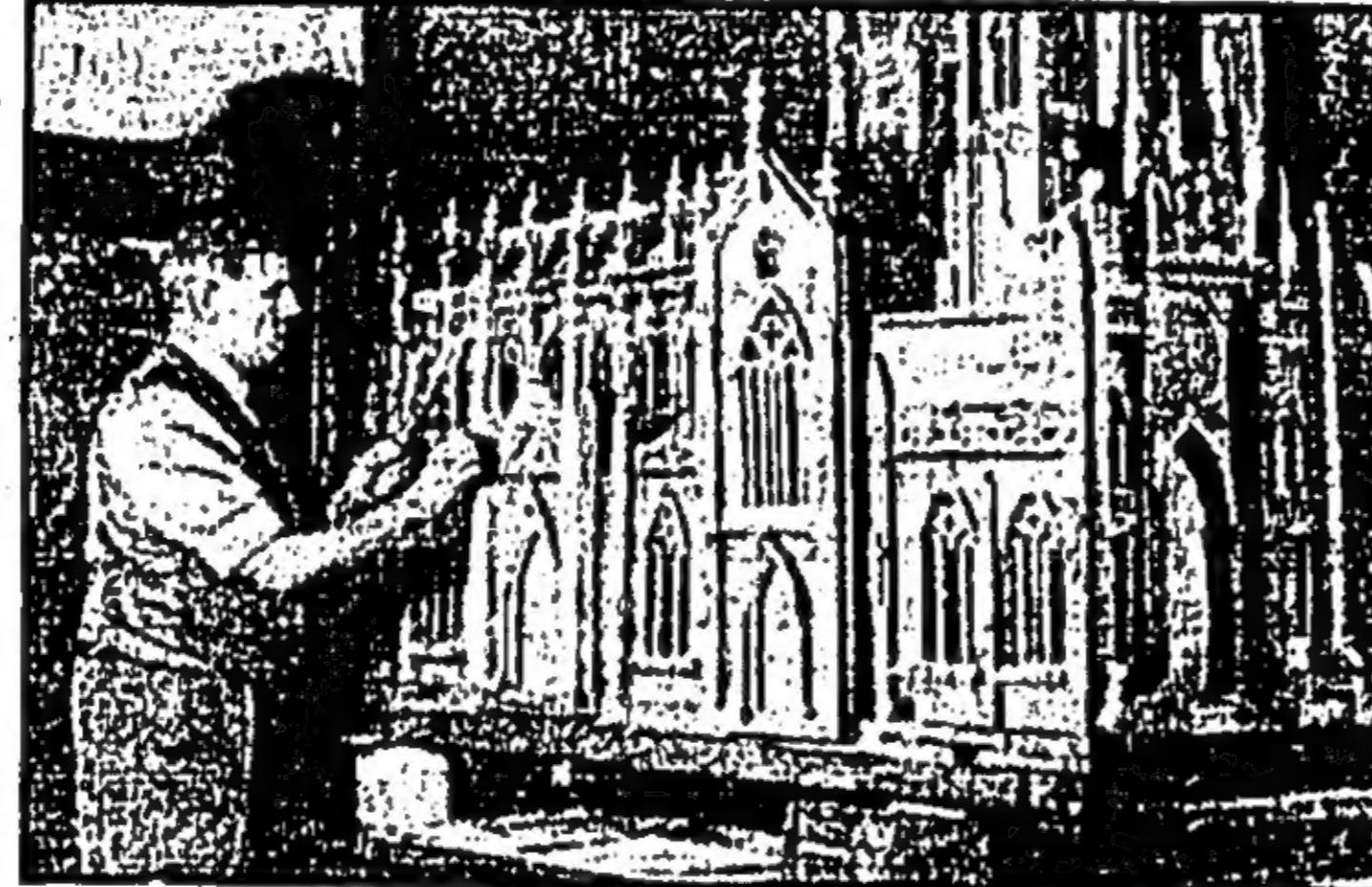
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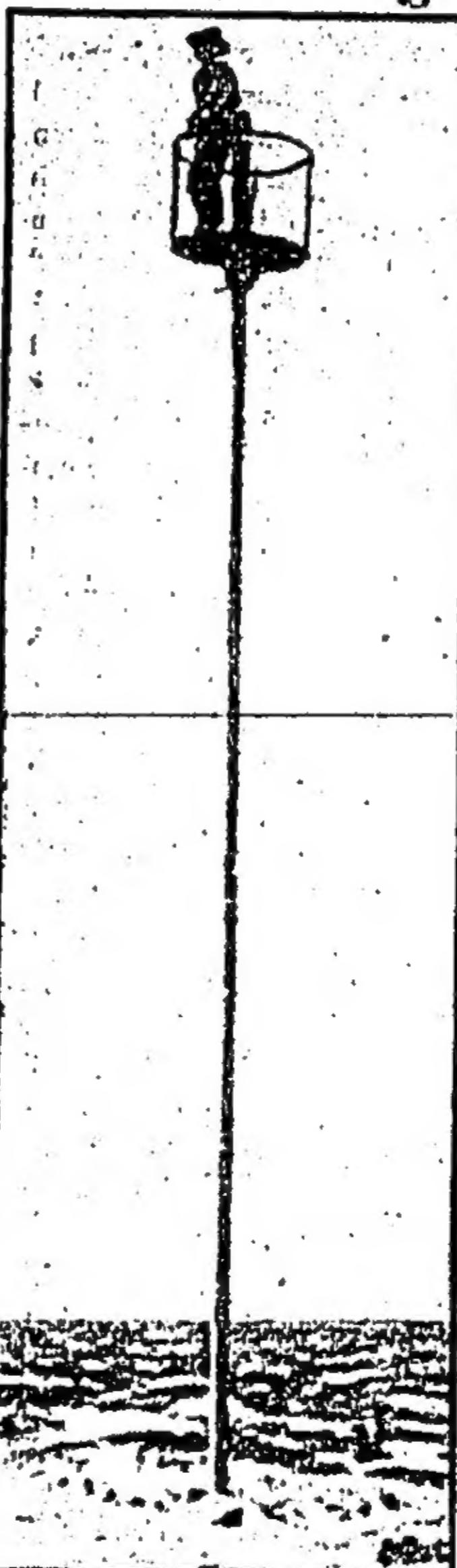


BRITISH EVACUEES now staying in New York show their appreciation of their first American-style football match.



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'Jim Ostrich'?



THE "JIM CROW OF THE DESERT." An Italian soldier on spotting duty in Libya.



V.C. IN H.G.—Tom "Dodge" Jones, who won the V.C. in the last war, is now serving in the Home Guard. He captured 120 Germans single-handed by disarming them one at a time as they emerged from a dug-out.

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Inspector A. Wright, Divisional Inspector at Yaumati, will leave today on a four months' vacation in Australia where his wife and children are at present.

Inspector A. V. Baker, of Kowloon City, has been appointed to Yaumati.

CHINESE ENGINEERS

A Hongkong branch of the Chinese Electrical Engineers' Society has been organized. Mr. Yu Tsui-yi has been elected Chairman, Mr. Chang Yen-hsiang, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Shen Sze-fang, Secretary, and Mr. Yu Chang-chu, Treasurer.

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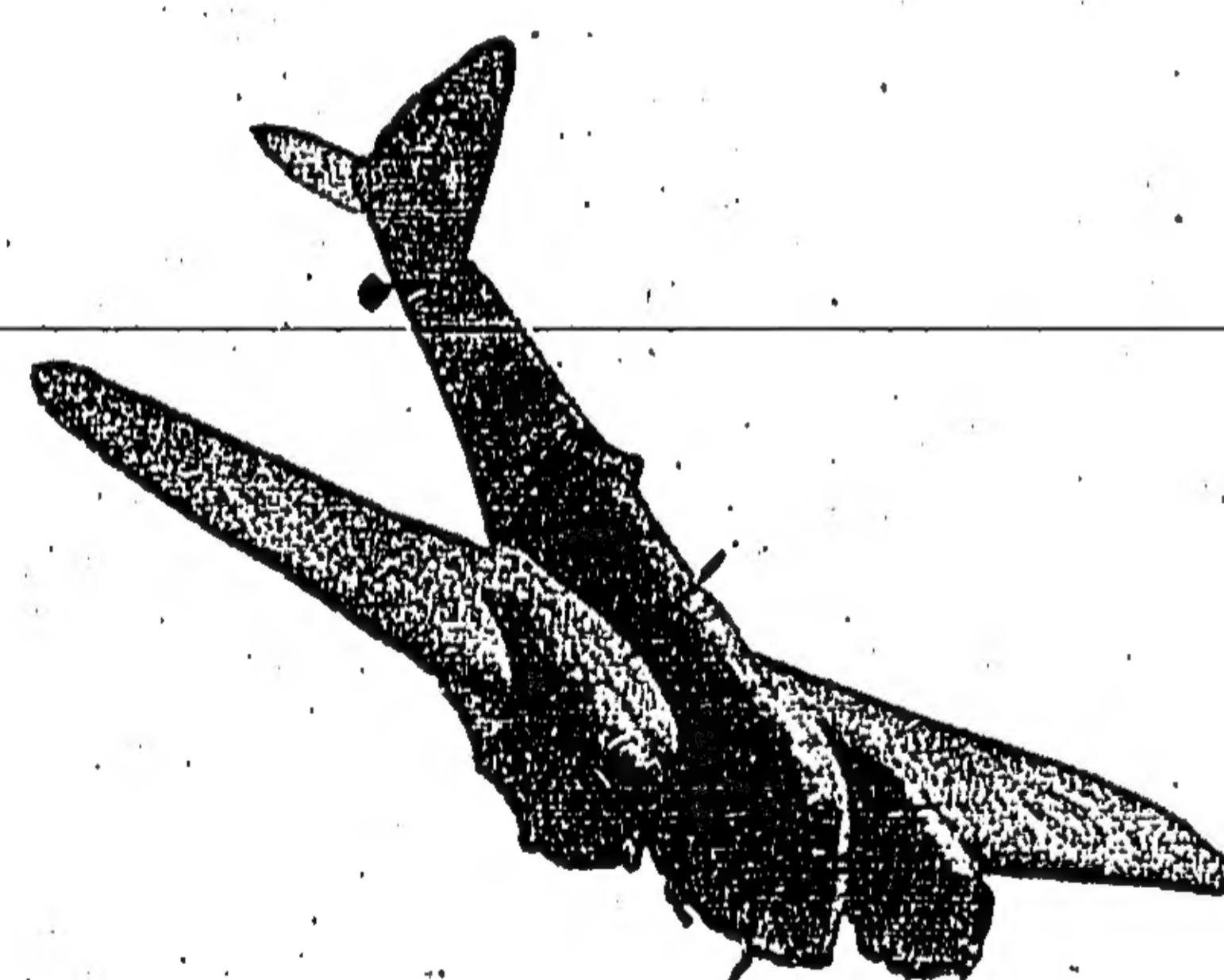
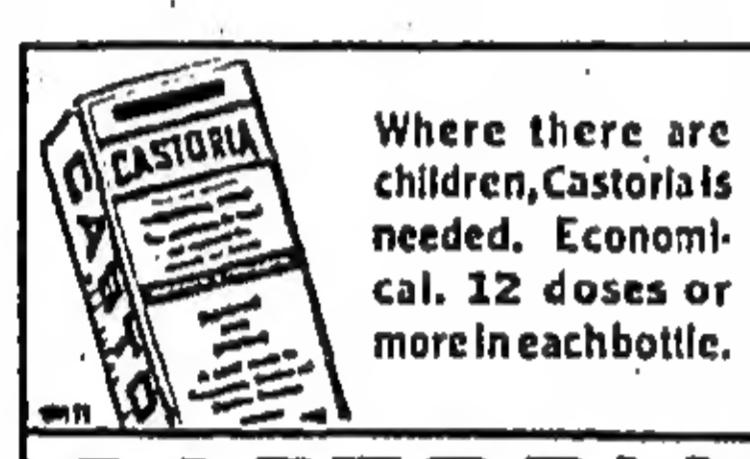
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NOT THE TIME FOR COMPLACENCY

HONGKONG'S calmness in the face of the Far Eastern crisis which has arisen just lately has been so striking as to warrant the suspicion that the reaction is caused more by indifference and smug complacency than as the result of any deliberate and objective appraisal of the portents. Possibly too, there has been so much cry of "Wolf! Wolf!" during the past 10 months that the populace has become suspicious and disbelieving. It is not with the intention of causing disquiet and fear that attention is drawn to the political significance of the Japanese manoeuvres in Kwangtung, Hainan, Formosa, Indo-China and Thailand, but it does seem vitally necessary that Hongkong, and especially the huge Chinese population here should be alive to the possibilities.

The popular belief heard expressed in the Colony to-day is that Hongkong will never be attacked; in these times, when events move with such rapidity, and changes in the international situation are effected overnight, this is a dangerous assumption. Rather should the Chinese masses here be encouraged to treat the situation with serious suspicion and ask themselves, "In the event of Hongkong being attacked, what am I going to do?" The question is of vital importance both to the welfare and safety of the people and to the successful defence of the Colony against any such attack.

It is fully recognised that the biggest problem which will confront the authorities in the event of an attack on Hongkong is proper control of the tens of thousands of Chinese, not only who are already resident on the island, but those who will endeavour to flock across the harbour. It will be an immense, perhaps impossible task to prevent chaos. The official mind is probably grappling with the problem at the moment, although the solution at first sight does not appear to be an easy one.

In this connection it would seem that the Chinese community leaders might help. Earnest inquiry into the possibilities of finding a scheme whereby considerable numbers of Chinese in the Colony could be transferred to other and relatively safer areas before the danger of attack is imminent may well produce a practical plan. Alternatively these gentlemen could actively co-operate with Government by urging the Chinese populace to take advantage of any mooted official scheme.

A stampede out of Hongkong at this stage would certainly be preferable to the panic which would inevitably result from any assault on this Colony.

RIDDLES OF 1941

From NEW YORK.

ONE of the great questions of 1941 is whether Japan will honour her obligations to the Axis.

Will she involve herself in war with Britain and the United States as soon as the extent and nature of American aid to Britain is held by Germany to constitute an act of war?

Japan's decision must depend upon three factors: Russia, the extent of American aid to China, and the success of the Japanese military Fascists in converting Japan into a National Socialist State.

Germany might have succeeded in her recent efforts to bring about peace between China and Japan had it not been for the prompt action of the United States in extending new credits to China and promising her arms and aeroplanes while banning exports of scrap iron to Japan.

Help For China

Chiang Kai-shek was thereby given an assurance that henceforth American aid would be substantial and with the United States at least until the Japanese Fascists have won complete control at home.

He may therefore not yet be exercising real pressure on Stalin.

It must also be remembered that it is to Stalin's advantage, as well as to Hitler's, to see Japanese aggression diverted southwards.

She May . . .

Russia cannot afford to let Japan become master of all China, but might be glad to see a compromise peace enabling Japan to withdraw a large part of her army from China and emboldening her to take the incalculable risks of war with the British Empire and the United States.

If American and British support of China prevents such a peace, Stalin could serve Hitler's interests and perhaps see his own advantage in ordering the Chinese Communists to withdraw their support from the Generalissimo and form a Chi-

Embargo Failure

However, the United States is still supplying Japan with large quantities of materials, presumably in the hope that by gentle handling Japan can be kept from entering the war against England.

Unfortunately, although this policy may have something to be said for it politically, it has enabled Japan to lay in large stores of essential war materials and to make it less likely than it was a year or two ago that a complete embargo would halt Japanese aggression.

Moreover, the failure to impose an embargo not only disheartened the Chinese, but has deprived the United States of vital materials and machines.

Lack of these is to-day holding up part of the American arms production programme.

And Russia?

The accumulation of reserves in Japan may now be sufficient to enable her to risk a war with Britain and America if once she is convinced that her aid is all that

Third Article—by Freda Utley

What will happen in the Far East?



is needed to enable Germany to win a quick victory.

She would then, doubtless, attempt to cut off Singapore by occupying Indo-China and Siam or move against the Dutch East Indies.

However, it is difficult to conceive of Japan implementing her promises to the Axis unless the "China Incident" can be liquidated, and unless she can secure her rear by a pact with the U.S.S.R.

Nineteen-forty-one will show whether Russia will be forced or lured into such a pact by German pressure.

The concentration of German troops in Rumania may conceivably have precisely this end in view.

Stalin dare not fight Germany on account of the economic, military and political weaknesses of his regime.

He is likely to come to terms with Tokyo if pressed sufficiently hard by Hitler.

But Hitler may not be convinced that Japan will dare to involve herself in war with the United States, at least until the Japanese Fascists have won complete control at home.

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Facts To Face

It is hardly an exaggeration to say that the fate of Britain's Asiatic Empire depends on China, who for so long has battled alone. Indeed, the fate of England herself must be vitally affected by the steadfastness of the Chinese in rejecting all German offers to save a good part of their country from Japan if only they will make peace.

Should Japan enter the war against England the United States will almost certainly fight her, to the great advantage of Germany in the short run.

In the long run the impetus given to American arms production by involvement in the war might outweigh the advantage to Germany of securing the Japanese Navy against England.

War against Japan would probably be less unpopular in America than a declaration of war against Germany, since there are no minorities here in sympathy with Japan.

Anglo-Indian relations are also a vital factor. Should we have the courage and wisdom to promise India freedom and treat her as an ally, her vast material, moral, and man-power resources could be mobilised to save the East from totalitarian tyranny.

Nothing would do more to convince doubting Americans of what we are fighting for than an abandonment of imperialist domination of India.

TO-MORROW

the Rt. Hon. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, discusses in an interview with Maurice Webb the question, "Will Our Blockade Win?"

Mussolini's London Flop

By Hannen Swaffer

HOW long will Mussolini survive as the Dictator of Italy?

When will the Royal Family, the heads of the Army and the depressed workers join in a revolt?

Never so quickly, in the hour of test, was the reputation of a world figure so suddenly shattered.

He had better go back to writing novels!

I REMEMBER an Italian head waiter whose leg I frequently pulled with the words, "How's your fat friend?"

He would walk away pained and then, returning time after time, recite this monologue:

"When I come to London they say: 'Ah, dago, hokey-pokey, organ-grinder.'

"They ask me, 'Where's your monkey?' and laugh.

"Now, Italia great! Mussolini's only play, written with Forzana, was produced in London."

He called it "Napoleon, the Hundred Days."

Sydney Carroll, the manager, adapted it, received from the King of Italy, no doubt because Mussolini ordered it, the degree of Knight Commander of the Order of the Crown of Italy; Robert Atkins, who played Napoleon, and John Drinkwater, who played the organ-grinder.

"We saw nothing of his millions of victims—the victims of power and majesty and dominion over suffering men and stricken women. Put that in your next play!"

NOR even as a dramatist did Mussolini have all his own way.

He was dictator in Italy—but every adaptor altered his play in a different way in every country in which it was produced.

Paris cut out Wellington and all the English and German officers.

Wiemar cut out Wellington and the English—but left in the Germans.

London made cuts.

Forzana must have got tired of calling on his fellow-author and saying:

"Master, they've altered your play again!"

IT was with curiosity I picked up yesterday a novel called

"The Cardinal's Mistress."

I WROTE, as my criticism, an open letter, addressed, "Dear Duke,"

Published here in 1929, it bore

on the cover, the name of the author, Benito Mussolini,

and away to mysterious islands, and then over the income-tax on Mussolini's feet!

"As in Italy your critics are sent—but the sequel was a sordid row

London.

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Government Decline Proposals Of Men's Evacuation Committee

A Report by the Hongkong Evacuation Representation Committee, signed by all its members, has been issued, which gives the text of communications sent to Government, and the Government's replies.

The Report states: At the last public meeting on the subject of evacuation, held at the Peninsula Hotel on December 27, 1940, the Committee were instructed:

1. To reply to the answer of the Secretary of State to the Colonies; 2. To request a Government representative to address a public meeting; 3. To urge His Majesty's Government in Hongkong to make financial provision for the evictees.

In accordance with these instructions (1) a letter to the Secretary of State for the Colonies was drafted. The Committee, however, were advised by the Colonial Secretariat that this letter could only go forward in the form of a petition. As this method did not appeal to them and also on account of ministerial changes at home and political events in the Far East, the Committee decided that by turning the letter into a petition no good purpose would be served and it was therefore agreed not to send it.

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Soviet Rebuke To Sofia Reveals Her Anxiety

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuters).—The important statement broadcast from Moscow in regard to the German occupation of Bulgaria has given rise to much comment in diplomatic quarters in London, learns "Reuters" diplomatic correspondent.

There is nothing, however, to suggest that it means more than it says, namely, that the Soviet Government does not share the views of the Bulgarian Government that its attitude will lead to preservation of peace.

Consequently, the Soviet Government is unable to support the Bulgarian Government in its protestation of its present policy.

It is an obvious rebuke to the Government of Bulgaria and gives contradiction to those Bulgarian papers which were spreading reports that Russia was in full agreement with the latest developments.

It must be recalled that the Bulgarian Prime Minister, in his speech in Vienna in signing the Tripartite Pact, re-affirmed his resolve to develop further the traditional friendly relations with the Soviet Union.

This statement, which incidentally was ignored by Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, in his reply, does not seem to have mollified Moscow in any way.

The significant nature of the broadcast is that it was renewed in several languages and on more than one occasion.

Underlying Motive

More will have to be known of the true circumstances and underlying motives of the Soviet statement before any considered judgment would be possible so far as British quarters are concerned.

It is clear that opportunity has been taken in the statement to underline the Soviet's attitude of non-involvement in the struggle and her desire that operations should not be extended.

By implication, blame for the spread of the conflict has been put on Germany's shoulders, as the statement clearly implies that the occupation of Bulgaria is to extend the operations.

Why R.A.F. Is Giving Hamm A Miss

Hamm, once the favourite target of the R.A.F., has not been bombed for several weeks.

Perhaps people have wondered why the Bomber Command could not be satisfied with attacking this railway marshalling yard once a week or once a month, instead of every 24 hours.

The answer is that damage to a railway can be repaired in a time which must seem incredibly short to the layman.

Major Girouard, who was the British Director of Railways during the Boer War, was faced with this problem.

Within five weeks in 1900 he had to repair 27 bridges, 41 culverts, and 10 miles of line.

He repaired them all so rapidly that their working was scarcely affected.

Great War Damage

The last Great War caused even more damage to railways. During 1918 French and British engineers had to renew 2,900 kilometres of line, 1,583 bridges, 13 tunnels, and 500 stations.

Wartime repairs to a railway are rough and probably last only a year or two. They are often accomplished with the use of timber "piles" driven into the soft earth and rubble which is hastily stuffed into the crater made by a bomb or shell. Upon this the sleepers and lines can quickly be laid.

The highly-efficient German engineers, whose weary task it is to keep the Hamm yards in order, are probably using this method, for they have plenty of good timber at hand in the forests of the Hartz Mountains.

But even by using timber piles, the Nazis take at least 24 hours to make good the damage done by British bombers.

Control-Smashed

Why, then, if railroad repairs can be effected so quickly, have we left Hamm in peace for so long?

The probable reason is that Hamm's control system has been smashed.

The lines in a railway system can be repaired with great speed, but the controls cannot. Probably Hamm's control system is out of action for the time being.

Four miles long and nearly a mile across, Hamm is able—when working normally—to deal with 10,000 wagons a day, and the yards are essential to the smooth operation of from 500 to 1,000 German factories.

U.S. Appeasement Committee

Lindbergh A Founder

The founders of the American appeasement group called the No Foreign War Committee, headed by George Marshall, bombardier, Iowa editor were: Col. Lindbergh, Douglas M. Stewart, part owner of "Scribner's Commentator" and George Eggers, editor of the publication, states "PM," the New York evening daily.

Col. Lindbergh nominated Marshall for the chairmanship. Mervin K. Hart, president of the New York State Economic Council and well-known for his Fascist sympathies, also participated in the foundation meetings.

"All that information was volunteered by Marshall in one of his numerous press conferences given just before he left to testify on presidential campaign expenditures under a subpoena from a Washington grand jury," states the report.



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Plebiscite Result

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuters).—It is announced that the final result of the Rumanian plebiscite on General Antonescu's policy (says a German wireless message) was as follows:

Yes.—2,018,000; No.—2,355.

Porter Killed By Piece Of China

A China fragment was found in a lung of Patrick Henry Ahern, it was stated, at the inquest at Westminster. He was injured when the Arts Club, Dover-street, where he was house porter, was bombed recently. The coroner recorded a verdict of "Death due to enemy action."

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General Smuts was accompanied by General Sir P. van Ryneveld, the Union's Chief of Staff, with whom he attended a conference at Government House immediately after his arrival.

"It is strongly urged therefore that steps be taken to transfer to the proper quarter, viz. the Colonial Treasury, the financial burden now borne alone by a relatively small number of Hongkong residents. It is suggested that this could be effected by making appropriate grants from the Hongkong revenues towards the cost of maintaining the evacuated families, the amount of the grant to cover the increased expenditure now borne by individuals as stated in paragraph 1 of this letter.

The way of carrying this out presents little difficulty, and the following considerations are suggested:

(a) Class "C" accommodation of wives and families should be the basis used in calculating the cost of maintenance.

(b) There are some 1,500 persons to be dealt with, representing 800 families. Consideration of costs could be heard in Hongkong.

(c) Payments to the evacuated families could be easily made through the sub-treasuries of the Commonwealth of Australia.

"The Committee are not quite clear about the meaning of the statement that the Home Government are bearing the cost of the evacuation scheme." In the recent cabled reply by Lord Lloyd to the Petition submitted to him, we are under the impression that this must refer to the transit portion of the evacuation since in view of the facts and figures set out in paragraph 1 and 2 of this letter it cannot be said that

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Saints Subdue Cyclones

Canuckettes Prepare For Grand Finals

(By "Ball Fan")

CLEAN-CUT yet decisive wins were recorded in Hongkong's two major softball loops at the Kowloon ball diamond as leading teams consolidated their pay-off spots in an anticlimax before next week's all-important grand finale.

The marauding Mohawks lambasted a weak playing Filipino Club 19-0, while Dave Leonard's league leading St Joseph's ballhawks continued up on top with a 8-1 win over the youthful Cyclones. The "bottoms-up" Canucks took another shellacking as they bowed to the C.B.C. clan 8-2.

The Maple Leaf Canuckettes staged a last minute dress rehearsal before the finale, clubbing through to an 11-0 triumph over Ella Chinn's rejuvenated Chung Hwa Maroonettes, as uncle Mike's Recs concluded a disappointing season with a slight sparkle, winning 22-3 from the Little Flowers.

THE Maple Leaf Canuckettes beat a gallant, geared-up Chung Hwa Maroon nine 11-0 for its 12th victory of the year. Paced by the terrific slugging of lanky Rene Yuen, who slumped out a pair of triples and hurling ace Mary Ng, the champions displayed a marked all-round superiority, clearly evident throughout the seven innings.

Connecting for eleven solid blows, the winners had Chung Hwa hurler Fungie Low constantly in trouble, tearing across the plate with tallies in all but the first inning.

Rosie Louie, making her debut at shortstop, fielded brilliantly making three putouts and assisting in two others.

THE Chung Hwa Maroons bowed out of the current campaign an improved team with more confidence and showing loads of eagerness to be back in the fold next season.

THE rough riding Tees left this year's picture with a vengeance, plastering the Little Flower brownies with a 22-9 defeat.

Uncle Mike's cuties, aided by 15 Las Florinda miscues, scored in every stanza with a twelve-hit barrage. Although augmented by the appearance of Cards' Betty Fitzgerald, and Gille Motta, the brown flowers were unable to solve the offerings of Jerry Jorge and M. Rodriguez.

Melvy Campos, Rec backstop, injected in the 3rd frame, came back to lead the winners run attack, in her final league appearance this year.

TAKING a two run lead in the 1st frame as Arturo Ozorio and Al Leonard sped across the pan, St Joseph's burly ballhawks pushed over three more markers in the 3rd inning on Stan Leonard's driving triple with

League Standing

GIRLS

	W.	L.	P.C.
Canadian Chinese	12	1	.923
Wildcats	12	2	.823
Walhous	9	4	.682
Cardinals	8	6	.571
Recreo	7	7	.533
Chung Hwa	1	13	.250
Las Florinhas	1	13	.071

MEN'S

	W.	L.	P.C.
St. Joseph's	10	2	.833
Indians	10	3	.769
Mohawks	10	4	.760
Recreo A.	8	5	.545
Cyclones	7	6	.534
Filipino Club	4	10	.244
Canadian Chinese	0	13	.000

	W.	L.	P.C.
Chung Hwa	0	9	.000
V.R.C.	0	1	.000
Recreo B.	0	3	.007
Compatriots	0	4	.000
Liga Portugues	4	4	.444
R. Scott China	4	5	.444
R. Artillery	3	7	.273
C.O.A.	1	8	.111
R. Engineers	0	9	.000

	W.	L.	P.C.
Hongkong Bank	5	3	1.000
Post	3	2	.750
Texaco	1	2	.500
Chartered Bank	2	2	.500
Lasac	0	2	.200
Cables	0	3	.000
Green Spots	0	3	.000

	W.	L.	P.C.
Inter Hong	0	5	.000
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Post	3	2	.750
Texaco	1	2	.500
Chartered Bank	2	2	.500
Lasac	0	2	.200
Cables	0	3	.000

Sunday's Stars

Rene Yuen and Mary Ng, Maple Leafs—Rene continued her terrific batting pace, driving out two sizzling triples and a pair of singles for a perfect day with the willow-wand; latter hauled a three hit game, crossed the platter with three runs and made three hits in three times up.

Melvy Campos and Jerry Jorre, Recrelo—Melvy led the rough riders big run parade with four tallies and played a steady hand-matching game despite an injury in the 3rd frame; latter played a big part in winning her own game by slading out three stinging base blows.

Stan Leonard and Al Leonard, St Joseph's—Former's soaring triple in the 3rd stanza with two mates on board just about sewed up the ball game for the league leaders; latter held the Canucks to three scattered hits besides connecting for two timely blows.

Junior Mar. and Den Crary, C.B.C.—Former came through with a double and tricky bunt in his first starry appearance of the year; latter held the Canucks to three scattered hits besides connecting for two timely blows.

Johnny Johnson and Honus Waggoner, Mohawks—Former batted in three tallies with a timely sacrifice and single, while latter tore across the plate with four runs and played errorless ball in a brilliant performance behind the platter.

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The Medical Authorities give a round figure of a catty of rice and three-quarters of a catty of firewood per person per day as the average consumption; hence, for rice and firewood alone (without any "sung") the average person has to pay 32.2 cents more per week than he did for the corresponding quantities of rice and firewood in August last—or to be content with proportionately less.

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RENDEL ASKS FOR PASSPORT

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Wilhelmsstrasse official stated to-day that the "dispatch of German troops to Bulgaria was occasioned by difference in Germany's possession of British plane in south-east Europe."

He added: "German forces were sent to protect the country and to frustrate the British designs."

"For such a task the troops must be suitably equipped, but their number and equipment are not in excess of what is necessary for the task."

Final Issue Unchanged

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The German occupation of Bulgaria cannot affect the final issue nor change the course of events," the Ankara wireless stated to-night.

It added: "The Axis move in the Balkans conclusively proved the contention that the Axis powers have not the courage to attack Great Britain directly. It may be that at the cost of great sacrifice this attack on Great Britain will be attempted, but its success is regarded even in Axis circles as extremely dubious."

"Were the Axis partners sure of success in this direction, they would not seek to shift the scene of operations into another theatre of war."

Von Papen Mission

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Herr Franz von Papen, the German Ambassador, was to-day received by President Inönü of Turkey and read out to him a personal message from Hitler, States the Ankara wireless.

The announcer said: "The President listened to the message with great attention and begged Herr von Papen to convey his thanks to the Führer for this act of courtesy."

"M. Saragoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, was present at the interview which took place at the President's castle at Chankaya, near Ankara."

Enormous Fleets In The Making

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cruisers and 13 destroyers, while it is thought that few of the 70 U-boats with which she began the war still remain in service.

Excluding the damage at Taranto, Italy has lost a cruiser, seven destroyers and at least 30 submarines.

On the world's new capital ships construction, all with the exception of four Japanese pocket battleships are at least 35,000 tons while 20, if not more, are of 40,000 tons or over. The latter include four British of the Lion class, the first two of which are due to be completed in 1943.

U. S. Programme

The United States has 17 battleships building or on order and it is suggested that some of these may have a displacement of 52,000 tons.

Other items of the American building programme include 12 aircraft carriers, 54 cruisers, 200 destroyers and 80 submarines.

It is impossible to guess how many submarines Germany has laid down since there is no solid basis for the American estimate of 300, but it is believed that this figure is by no means unreasonable.

Unconfirmed reports suggest that German capital ships under construction may include two 40,000-ton vessels to be called Friedrich der Grosse and Hindenburg while reports that the battleships Bismarck and Tirpitz are "in full" commission must, it is stated, be treated with caution.

LATE NEWS

KING GIVES AUDIENCES

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The King gave audiences to-day to three important statesmen.

The first was General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French Movement. It was the first time that His Majesty had received General de Gaulle, though he met the French leader when he inspected Free French units last autumn.

The second visitor was President Roosevelt's unofficial representative, Colonel W. J. Donovan.

The third visitor was Mr. Winston Churchill.

Eire Wants Arms

DUBLIN, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Mr. Frank Aiken, the Eire Minister for Co-operation of Defensive Measures, is leaving for the United States tomorrow by air to examine the possibilities of purchasing arms and supplies from America, according to official sources.

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Japanese Envoy Flies To Iran

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 4 (Domestic).—Mr. Kikukawa Ichikawa, newly-appointed Japanese Minister to Iran, will leave Tokyo on March 7 on an eight-day air journey to reach his post. This is the first time that a Japanese diplomat is proceeding to his post by air.

Travel by sea from Japan to Iran has been practically cut off. The land course through Soviet Russia to Iran is still open but Mr. Ichikawa has decided on an aerial schedule from Tokyo to Tushk, Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Bagdad and Teheran, a course of 8,000 miles.

Parcels To Britain

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that any parcel despatched to Britain containing more than two pounds of tea, will be confiscated.

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Greek-Italian Peace Believed Likely, But Italy Says "No"

Special to the "Telegraph"

SOFIA, Mar. 4 (UP).—A high neutral diplomatic official told the "United Press" to-day that the Greeks can be expected to make peace.

King George and the present Government officials who are favourable to England may retire to Crete and continue their relations with the British while a new Government seeks peace.

RENDL ASKS FOR PASSPORT

Britain Carries Out Threat To Bulgaria

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The Berlin radio announced to-night that diplomatic relations between Bulgaria and Britain had been severed. The British Minister, Mr. George W. Rendel is reported to be leaving Bulgaria as soon as final arrangements can be made for his departure.

Asks for Passport

SOFIA, Mar. 4 (UP).—It is unimpeachably reported that Mr. William Rendel the British Minister will ask Dr. Filoff for his passport at 10 a.m. on Wednesday thereby severing Anglo-Bulgarian relations. Mr. Rendel announced his decision in the presence of a meeting of the Polish, Belgian, Greek and Dutch diplomats.

According to a highest Bulgarian source, the Bulgarian Foreign Office advised the Polish and Dutch Ministers and the Dutch Charge d'Affaires that they may no longer continue their diplomatic missions in Bulgaria due to the situation created by the entry of the German troops.

A high Axis source said that a special German Embassy is arriving at Ankara at 10 a.m. to-day carrying a personal message from Hitler to President Inonu, assuring the Turks that the Germans have no intention of attacking Turkey or the Dardanelles.

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—A TURN to Back Page, Column 4

Bold Raid Off Norway

German Admission

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Light British naval forces carried out a raid on an "unfortified" island off northern Norway on Tuesday morning, states the official German news agency.

"After a short bombardment, which destroyed several fishing boats, soldiers landed and took prisoner some Germans and some Norwegians."

The British vessels, it is stated, left Norwegian waters after a short stay.

No official statement on this report from Berlin is so far available in London.

15,000 Japanese Troops Concentrated at Tonkin

Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 4 (UP).—Authoritative Chinese circles told the "United Press" to-day that 15,000 crack Japanese troops with modern mountain climbing and a large amount of military supplies, including mountain guns, shells, aviation gasoline and bombs are concentrated at Tonkin, with exact target of attack as yet not clear.

Observers pointed out that the possible movements of the mountain climbing units must firstly be northward toward Burma over the ancient paths connecting the French Tonkin district with the southern Shan States; secondly, to advance westward along the Red River and the Black River valleys towards Yunnan, both measures aimed at cutting communications.

BRITISH TAKE NEARLY 10,000 PRISONERS IN ITALIAN SOMALILAND

NAIROBI, Mar. 4 (UP).—To-day's communiqué says that British troops have occupied Iscia Baidoa and Bulo Burti where "large stocks of arms, petrol, foodstuffs and stores of all types continue to be discovered. The number of prisoners taken is approaching 10,000 giving the lie to the statement made by the Italians that Italian Somaliland had been voluntarily evacuated."

EAST AFRICAN OPERATION

CAIRO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The British main advance is progressing satisfactorily in Italian Somaliland, states an official

Enormous Fleets In The Making

Latest Revelations By "Jane's"

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Striking evidence of the ever-growing naval expansion of the Great Powers, particularly the United States, and of the destruction of a major part of Mussolini's battle fleet is contained in the 1940 edition of "Jane's Fighting Ships" which estimates that 40 capital ships are under construction or on order in the world to-day.

Despite wartime censorship, and secrecy, the volume contains new plans of the world's most powerful battleship, King George V, in which Lord Halifax went to America; plans of the new German battleships Bismarck and Tirpitz; and details of powerful units which America, Japan and Italy are adding to their fleets.

A war loss section, included for the first time since 1910, gives details of casualties in the belligerent navies, prefaced by aerial photographs of the destruction wrought among the Italian Fleet at Taranto by the Air Arm last November.

Britain's Losses

Britain's losses of big ships have been comparatively slight, the highest price being paid by small ships, over 100 of them being lost, some without trace. Britain had also lost 36 destroyers and 23 submarines up to the time the lists were compiled.

Germany's fleet is reduced by one pocket battleship, the Graf Spee, four

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LIBYAN CAMPAIGN

Free French Had Arduous Task

CAIRO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—With the surrender of Kufra, an oasis in southern Libya, yet another holy place has been freed from the Italian invader.

To complete operations resulting in the capture of the oasis, a party of Free French forces marched 500 miles from their desert base. Contact was originally made with the Italian garrison early in February and on one occasion an enemy attack was heavily repulsed.

An enemy bomber crashed off the Devon coast yesterday. Two were shot down during the night, one by anti-aircraft fire at Cerdif and the other by British fighters over an aerodrome in Northern France.

A fourth enemy machine-fighter was shot down by a bomber over Germany.

A military spokesman told "Reuter": "The only two cases, Kufra and Gerabub, which might conceivably threaten the Allies, have been put out of action. The immediate problem is how to dispose of the 1,000 prisoners captured, and they will possibly be disarmed and left in Kufra."

The Free French authorities have no information about the final assault on Kufra, but admit that it was taken against vastly superior numbers.

Total Prisoners

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The British took more than 133,295 prisoners during 62 days of the Libyan campaign, according to an official announcement.

This may be compared with 130,476 Germans who the British Army captured in 63 days in the last months of the Great War.

The guns captured from the Italians in Cyrenaica total well over 1,200.

INDO-CHINA Parties Still Seeking Solution

TOKYO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Mr. Matsuoaka is reported to have asked the Vichy Government to give a final reply by to-morrow noon to Japan's plan for the solution of the Thail-Indo-China dispute.

The truce in the frontier war between Thailand and Indo-China ends on Friday.

Mr. Matsuoaka's request, it is stated, was made when he saw M. Arsene Henri, the French Ambassador to-night. M. Henri is stated to have been noncommittal in his attitude towards the plan which was previously reported to have been accepted "in principle" by the French Government.



Daring Kidnapping Affair Carried Out In Shanghai

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Mar. 4 (UP).—Five Chinese, three of whom were armed, to-day kidnapped Dr. Hsu Weit-ling, American educated and President of the Second Higher District Court which is controlled by Chungking.

The kidnappers are believed to be pro-Wang Ching-wei elements in view of the fact that Hsu headed a Chungking-controlled Court in French Concession; however, after the French had handed over this court to the Wang Ching-wei regime, Hsu and other judges moved into the International Settlement where they re-opened their court.

Dr. Hsu was returning home together with his wife when kidnapped. He had alighted from his car and had entered his apartment in French Concession when the kidnappers pulled him back into the car and drove off, using their own cars as well as Dr. Hsu's, having pushed out his wife and chauffeur.

Matsuoka Directly Contacts Churchill

New Far East Hopes

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Following a 30-minute conversation between Mr. Shigemitsu, the Japanese Ambassador, and Mr. Churchill to-night, it is understood in well-informed quarters that the talk has greatly clarified the air and has revealed that general problems in the Far East are responsive to understanding treatment, learns "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent.

Mr. Shigemitsu handed Mr. Churchill a communication from Mr. Matsuoaka, the Japanese Foreign Minister.

It will be recalled that Mr. Matsuoaka sent a direct message to Mr. Churchill, to which the latter replied on Monday, February 24.

Mr. Matsuoaka has now sent his response to Mr. Churchill's observations.

The conversations to-day were, therefore, continuation of the talks which have been proceeding for some time.

Oceania Speech

TOKYO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The speech by the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoaka, last week, wherein he was reported as stating that "the white races must cede Oceania to the Asiatics" has provoked a long statement from the "Domei" news agency.

The agency says that the speech was misunderstood abroad and that there was nothing aggressive in Mr. Matsuoaka's speech. It also says that Mr. Matsuoaka's actual words were "It is my consistent intention that the white races should give the Japanese and other Asiatic races the chance to

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LATEST

Gen. Smuts Visits War Front

Arrival In Kenya

NAIROBI, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—General Smuts, who arrived here to-day, was met by Lieut.-Gen. Alan Cunningham, General Officer Commanding the Italian Somaliland front, and by the Governor of Kenya.

General Smuts was accompanied by General Sir R. van Ryneveld, the Union's Chief of Staff, with whom he attended a conference at Government House, immediately after his arrival.

Japanese Navy Said To Be On The Move

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Mar. 5 (UP).—The Foochow correspondent of the pro-Chungking newspaper "Shun-Pao" reports that 100 Japanese warships reached the Fukien coast on Monday and Tuesday, and some of them continued southward.

The correspondent declared that there were indications that Japanese navy was starting the southward push.

Other Chinese press reports state that 13 Japanese warships were seen

moving southward along the Chekiang coast on Monday and that ships arrived in the vicinity of Ching-hai on Monday morning, but sailed in the afternoon towards Chouan Island.

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De Gaulle Delegate In Colony

M. Charles Francois Baron, who was recently appointed to replace M. Guy de Schompre as General de Gaulle's representative in the Far East, arrived on a visit yesterday, accompanied by Capt I. Lyon, British Liaison Officer.

M. de Schompre, who was recently married in Singapore, has left to pay a visit to General de Gaulle's headquarters in London.

M. Baron was formerly Administrator of the French Colony of Chander Nagor, India. Capt Lyon, of the Gordon Highlanders, Singapore, married the beautiful daughter of a French Government official in Indo-China just prior to the outbreak of war. He met his wife when he made a solo yachting voyage from Singapore to Indo-China and running off his course, arrived at a lonely island off Saigon.

The island was the Devil's Island of Indo-China. On this island he met his bride, the daughter of the Superintendent of the large prison and convict settlement. They were married in Saigon.

Madrid Art Deal With Vichy

A Murillo painting, the Immaculate Conception, has arrived in Spain from the Louvre Museum, Paris. The famous 17th-century Spanish artist painted several pictures with the Immaculate Conception as their subject, but the one reaching Spain is regarded as his greatest work and is also his largest canvas.

The painting went to Spain as the result of negotiations between the Spanish and French authorities for an exchange of works of art having special historic or national interest for Spain.

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That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:

(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:

"95. The Directors of the Company shall not be less than six and not more than ten in number."

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

By order of the Board,
J. P. SHERRY,
Managing Director.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1941.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 10th day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Island Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 21 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents (G. S. R. feet)	Upset Price
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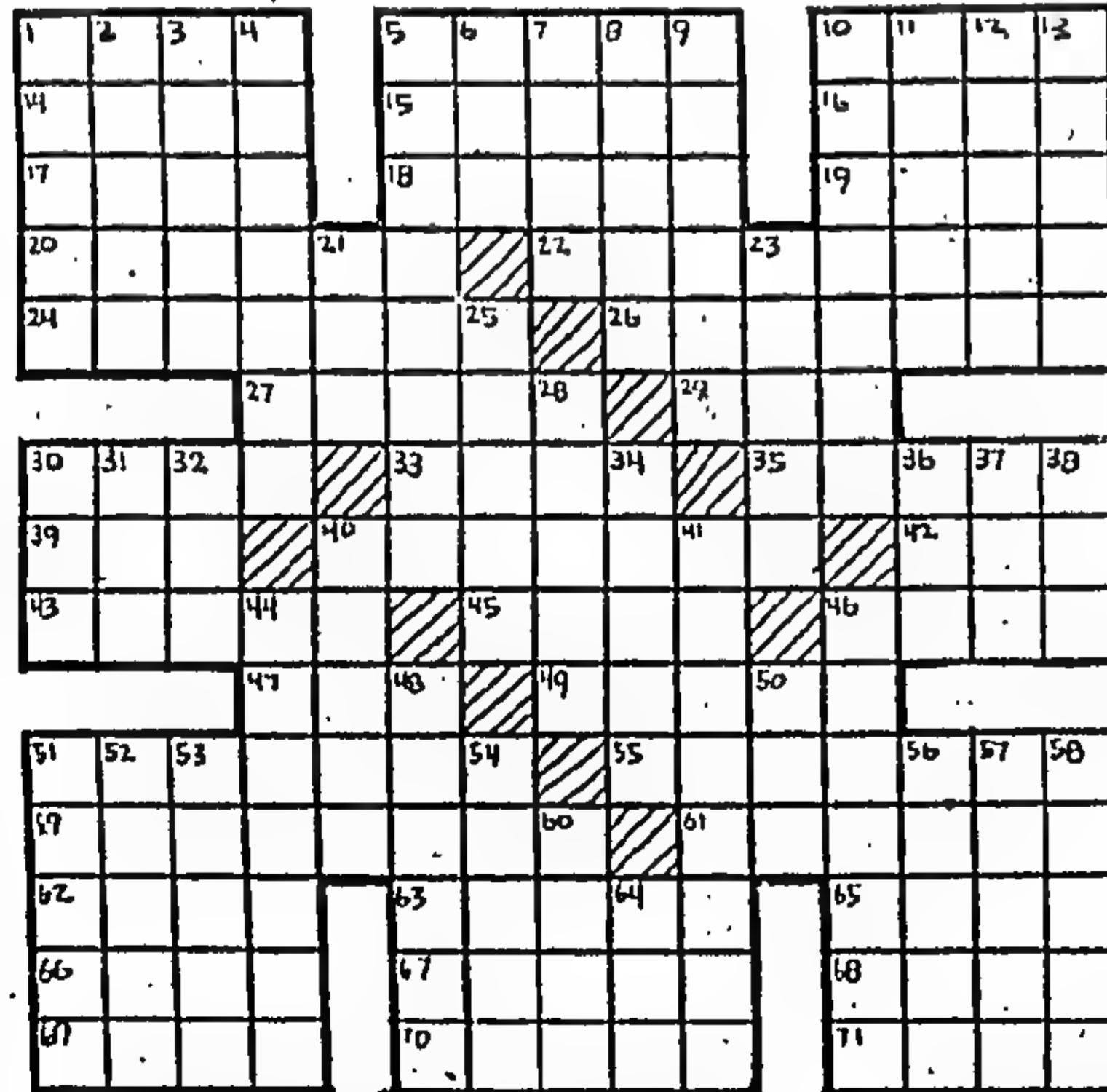


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15—Infer	12—Hours of sugar								
16—Lines of lyric poem	13—Performed								
17—Degree of value	14—Purple								
18—Chief of gods	15—Scared								
19—Cup of tea, drink	16—West away								
20—Poker bet	17—Peruvian plant								
21—Decipher	18—Witty use of word								
22—Name, namely	19—No sense								
23—Barren	20—Veiled								
24—Those who delete	21—Pertaining to three								
25—Those who derive	22—Bearing part								
26—Honors to	23—Cereal plant								
27—Day before 'holiday'	24—Covers of rocks								
28—Work	25—Covers with wet								
29—Vessel	26—Mud								
30—Natural fat	27—Raised platform								
31—Natural person	28—On function								
32—Horse dignified	29—Type of polonaise								
33—Cattle footer	30—Acid								
34—Cattle's yolk	31—Daughter of								
35—Series of petroleo	32—Hyperion								
36—Hunting pile	33—Type of land for								
37—Horn in place	34—Grazing cattle								
38—Devourer	35—Negative ion								
39—Kind of power	36—Promote								
40—Water (pl.)	37—Absence of welfare								
41—Companies of actors	38—Absent								
42—Minute examinations	39—Type occurring in								
43—Hall team	40—Rock								
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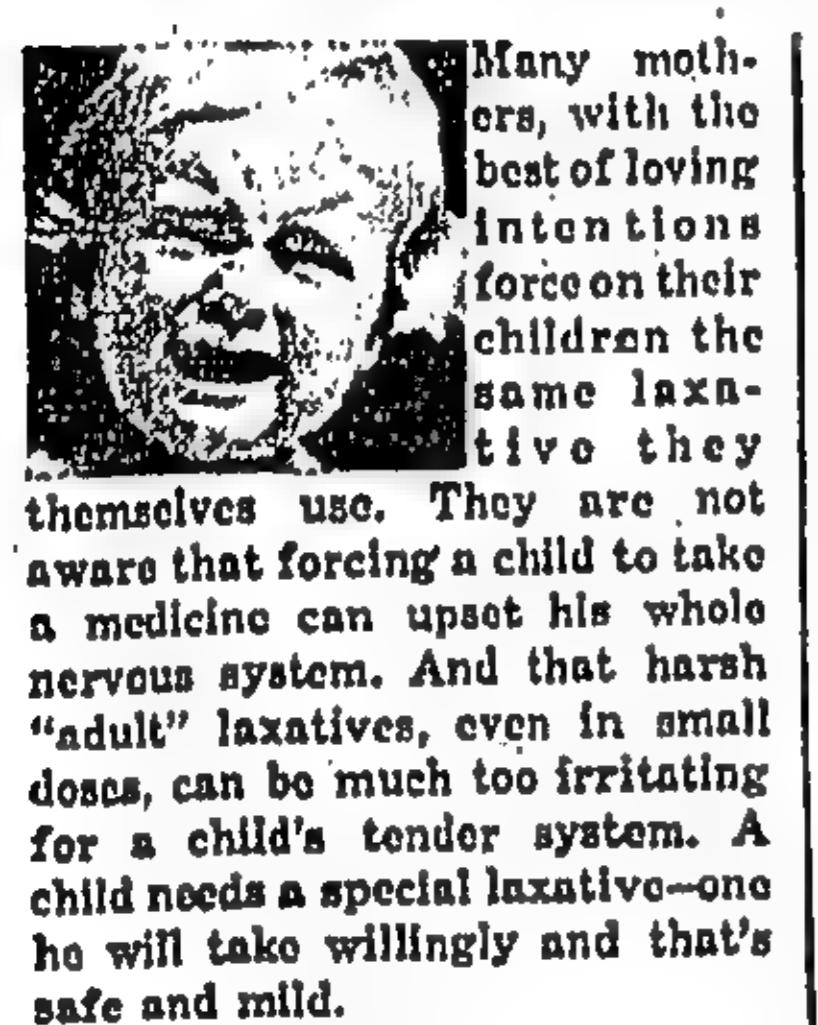
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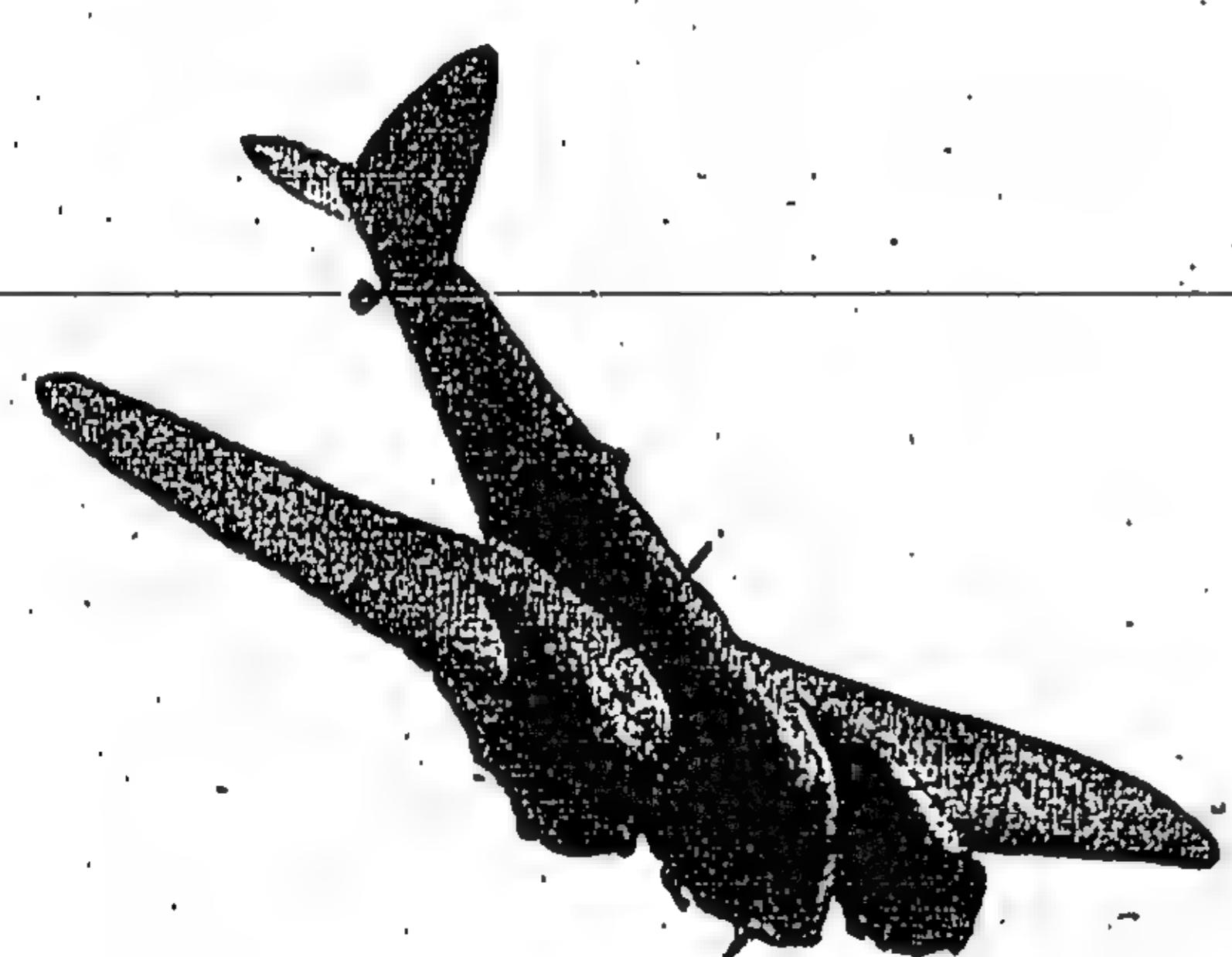
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NOT THE TIME FOR COMPLACENCY

HONGKONG'S calmness in the face of the Far Eastern crisis which has arisen just lately has been so striking as to warrant the suspicion that the reaction is caused more by indifference and smug complacency than as the result of any deliberate and objective appraisal of the portends. Possibly too, there has been so much cry of "Wolf! Wolf!" during the past 18 months that the populace has become suspicious and disbelieving. It is not with the intention of causing disquiet and fear that attention is drawn to the political significance of the Japanese manoeuvres in Kwangtung, Hainan, Formosa, Indo-China and Thailand, but it does seem vitally necessary that Hongkong, and especially the huge Chinese population here, should be alive to the possibilities.

The popular belief heard expressed in the Colony to-day is that Hongkong will never be attacked; in these times, when events move with such rapidity and changes in the international situation are effected overnight, this is a dangerous assumption. Rather should the Chinese masses here be encouraged to treat the situation with serious suspicion and ask themselves, "In the event of Hongkong being attacked, what am I going to do?" The question is of vital importance both to the welfare and safety of the people and to the successful defence of the Colony against any such attack.

It is fully recognised that the biggest problem which will confront the authorities in the event of an attack on Hongkong is proper control of the tens of thousands of Chinese, not only who are already resident on the island, but those who will endeavour to flock across the harbour. It will be an immense, perhaps impossible task to prevent chaos. The official mind is probably grappling with the problem at the moment, although the solution at first sight does not appear to be an easy one.

In this connection it would seem that the Chinese community leaders might help. Earnest inquiry into the possibilities of finding a scheme whereby considerable numbers of Chinese in the Colony could be transferred to other and relatively safer areas before the danger of attack is imminent may well produce a practical plan. Alternatively these gentlemen could actively co-operate with Government by urging the Chinese populace to take advantage of any mooted official scheme.

A stampede out of Hongkong at this stage would certainly be preferable to the panic which would inevitably result from any assault on this Colony.

RIDDLES OF 1941

From NEW YORK.

ONE of the great questions of 1941 is whether Japan will honour her obligations to the Axis.

Will she involve herself in war with Britain and the United States as soon as the extent and nature of American aid to Britain is held by Germany to constitute an act of war?

Japan's decision must depend upon three factors: Russia, the extent of American aid to China, and the success of the Japanese military Fascists in converting Japan into a National Socialist State.

Germany might have succeeded in her recent efforts to bring about peace between China and Japan had it not been for the prompt action of the United States in extending new credits to China and promising her arms and aeroplanes while banning exports of scrap iron to Japan.

Help For China

Chiang Kai-shek was thereby given an assurance that henceforth American aid would be substantial and American opposition to Japanese aggression expressed in deeds instead of only in words.

It is of great significance that Roosevelt in his most recent speeches has included China with Britain and Greece as the nations on whose success in resisting aggression the United States safety depends, and for whom the United States will become an arsenal.

The prospect of real aid from America, and of a complete American embargo on the export of war material to Japan must strengthen the hands of Chiang Kai-shek and all Chinese patriots as against those who are inclined to compromise with Japan and conclude a peace enabling Japan to limit her commitments in China in order to attack the British Empire.

Embargo Failure

However, the United States is still supplying Japan with large quantities of materials, presumably in the hope that by gentle handling Japan can be kept from entering the war against England.

Unfortunately, although this policy may have something to be said for it politically, it has enabled Japan to lay in large stores of essential war materials and to make it less likely than it was a year or two ago that a complete embargo would halt Japanese aggression.

Moreover, the failure to impose an embargo not only disheartened the Chinese, but has deprived the United States of vital materials and machines.

Lack of these is to-day holding up part of the American arms production programme.

And Russia?

The accumulation of reserves in Japan may now be sufficient to enable her to risk a war with Britain and America if once she is convinced that her aid is all that

is needed to enable Germany to win a quick victory.

She would then, doubtless, attempt to cut off Singapore by occupying Indo-China and Siam or move against the Dutch East Indies.

However, it is difficult to conceive of Japan implementing her promises to the Axis unless the "China Incident" can be liquidated, and unless she can secure her rear by a pact with the U.S.S.R.

Nineteen-forty-one will show whether Russia will be forced or lured into such a pact by German pressure.

The concentration of German troops in Rumania may conceivably have precisely this end in view.

Stalin dare not fight Germany on account of the economic, military and political weaknesses of his regime. He is likely to come to terms with Tokyo if pressed sufficiently hard by Hitler.

It must also be remembered that it is to Stalin's advantage, as well as to Hitler's, to see Japanese aggression diverted southwards.

She May...

Russia cannot afford to let Japan become master of all China, but might be glad to see a compromise peace enabling Japan to withdraw a large part of her army from China and emboldening her to take the inculcable risks of war with the British Empire and the United States.

If American and British support of China prevents such a peace, Stalin could serve Hitler's interests and perhaps see his own advantage in ordering the Nazi model in place of the present semi-feudal, semi-capitalist set-up.

Hence the efforts of the Fascists to deprive the Emperor of temporal power and seclude him as a powerless god like his ancestors before the Restoration.

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CHINESE COMMUNISTS TONE DOWN DEMANDS TO THE CHUNGKING GOVT.

By F. M. FISHER
Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 4 (UP).—The absence of all seven Communist members of the National People's Political Council from the first few meetings of the current session, while reflecting serious political differences between the Kuomintang and the Communists, does not necessarily mean an open break leading to civil strife in the opinion of informed neutrals in Chungking.

The present abstention of the Communists from the Council is felt here as indicating that the long continued mutual efforts to reconcile political and other differences have not yet been successful, although some progress in this direction has already been made.

Changsha Bombed, Landings On S. Kwangtung Coast

CHANGSHA, March 4 (Central News).—After a long respite, 30 Japanese planes staged a raid over Changsha yesterday morning. They were greeted by thunderous Chinese anti-aircraft fire and were forced to break formation. After unloading their bombs haphazardly, they flew away in a northerly direction. Damage caused by the raid is understood to be slight.

Fifty-six Japanese planes in several squadrons raided Yushan and other towns in Kiangsi yesterday.

Kwangtung Landings

CHUNGKING, March 4 (Central News).—Military advices from Kwangtung indicate that heavy fighting has flared up on the Tolshan and Yungkong coast as a result of Japanese landing there.

Early on Monday morning five Japanese warships and 50 rubber boats with about 1,000 Japanese aboard, arrived off the coast at Kwangtung, south-west of Tolshan. Under the protective bombardment of eight planes the Japanese forced a landing and pushed toward Tolshan, meeting with strong Chinese resistance.

On Monday night Japanese troops from Sunwui in a number of rubber boats landed at Tolshan and headed for Shachung.

Under a protective barrage laid by their naval guns units of Japanese troops tried to land at Paktsunkong in the district of Yungkong this morning.

INDIAN AIR FORCE UNITS

Boys' Prospects

DELHI, Mar. 4 (Reuters).—"How young Indians from civil life are being trained as ground personnel for the Indian Air Force was shown to me when I visited the school of Air Force technical training at Ambala," writes Reuter's special correspondent.

"There are several hundred airmen under training recruited from all over India, including all castes and creeds. The school covers an extraordinarily large variety of training and only men with extremely good educational qualifications are accepted."

"The basic training course, including instruction in the duties of flight mechanics, flight riggers, carpenters, electricians, wireless operators, photographers and many others, lasts for six months after which the man qualifies and goes into unit."

Promotion Hopes

"Owing to the rapidity of expansion of the Indian Air Force, the prospects are the best, and there is keen competition for enlistment, it being realised that expert training given will subsequently be invaluable in peace time."

"I visited several workshops where tuition is proceeding, and after seeing for myself how intensely absorbed the recruits were in their work, I felt that my guide spoke truly when he spontaneously paid tribute to the lads, saying that they were as keen as mustard."

QUO TAI-CHI SEES MENZIES

London, Mar. 4 (Central News).—Mr Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to the Court of St James's to-day called on Mr P. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, and had a friendly exchange of views on the Pacific situation and other questions affecting the mutual interests of China and Australia.

The question of the exchange of diplomatic missions between China and Australia was also discussed.

Australian circles believe that Mr Menzies is anxious that such an exchange should take place soon.

Speech Construed

Interviewed after his talk with Mr Menzies, Mr Quo said that the speech made by Mr Menzies to the Foreign Press Association yesterday should not be interpreted as indicating that Australia is prepared to give way to force or to knuckle under to an aggression, though she is anxious to preserve peace in the Pacific, make friends and continue to seek friendship with Australia's neighbours.

He was so convinced in view of the active defence measures in Malaya and the Pacific recently undertaken by Australia, and particularly after his exchange of views with Mr Menzies.

Chungking Posts

CHUNGKING, Mar. 3 (Central News).—General Hu Kuo-kwang was sworn in this morning as Commander of the National Gendarmerie and concurrently Deputy Garrison Commander of Chungking. Simultaneously, General Cheng Cheng assumed his offices as Vice-Commander of the Gendarmerie and concurrently Dean of the Gendarmerie School.

PHILIPPINE IS. DEFENCE

Congress Opinion

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH."

WASHINGTON, Mar. 4 (UP).—Senator Lester Hill, chief Democratic Whip and a Military Affairs Committeeman, predicted to the "United Press" overwhelming approval of Philip-

pine defence measures.

He said, "I think we have a definite responsibility to protect the Philippines and it will remain our primary responsibility to do so until they are independent. The purpose of the defence measures is to put us in a position to defend the Philippines; additionally, the measures are steps in support of our Far Eastern policy."

One Republican Military Affairs Committeeman said that most Republicans would "go along" with the Philippines defence measure as a matter of firmness in our Far Eastern policy.

Why R.A.F. Is Giving Hamm A Miss

Hamm, once the favourite target of the R.A.F., has not been bombed for several weeks.

Perhaps people have wondered why the Bomber Command could not be satisfied with attacking this railway marshalling yard once a week or once a month, instead of every 24 hours.

The answer is that damage to a railway can be repaired in a time which must seem incredibly short to the layman.

Major Girouard, who was the British Director of Railways during the Boer War, was faced with this problem.

Within five weeks in 1899 he had to repair 27 bridges, 41 culverts, and 10 miles of line.

He repaired them all so rapidly that their working was scarcely affected.

Great War Damage

The last Great War caused even more damage to railways. During 1918 French and British engineers had to renew 2,900 kilometres of line, 1,583 bridges, 13 tunnels, and 590 stations.

Warlike repairs to a railway are rough and probably last only a year or two. They are often accomplished with the use of timber "piles" driven into the soft earth and rubble which is hastily stuffed into the crater made by a bomb or shell. Upon this the sleepers and lines can quickly be laid.

The highly-efficient German engineers, whose weary task it is to keep the Hamm yards in order, are probably using this method, for they have plenty of good timber at hand in the forests of the Harz Mountains.

But even by using timber piles, the Nazis take at least 24 hours to make good the damage done by British bombers.

Control Smashed

Why, then, if railroad repairs can be effected so quickly, have we left Hamm in peace for so long?

The probable reason is that Hamm's control system has been smashed.

The lines in a railway system can be repaired with great speed, but the controls cannot. Probably Hamm's control system is out of action for the time being.

Four miles long and nearly a mile across, Hamm is able—when working normally—to deal with 10,000 wagons a day, and the yards are essential to the smooth operation of from 500 to 1,000 German factories.

Parcels To Britain

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuters).—It is officially announced that any parcel despatched to Britain containing more than two pounds of tea, will be confiscated.

Both sides have grievances. However, Government authorities, saying they are unwilling to aggravate the delicate situation, indicate that it is not permissible to enumerate or discuss the arguments advanced by either side just now.

Twelve Demands

Following the disbandment of the new Fourth Army, the Communists published a list of 12 demands asking for the reinstatement of the new Fourth Army and the release of its Commander, General Yeh Ting; seeking legal recognition of the Communist Party; asking for the punishment of the Central Army Commanders involved in the disbandment of the new Fourth; requesting that an end be put to the one-Party rule, and demanding the inauguration of a constitution.

The Government is viewing the matter as non-political and as being merely a question of military discipline. Apparently it could not agree with these demands from a minor political Party. However, conversations and negotiations have proceeded in which both parties gave evidence of a willingness to make some concessions.

This was the position when the approach of the Council session made the question more important. The Communists' demands had not been advanced as conditions for attending the Council but they made it known that they would not attend with the question still completely unsolved.

Special Committee

It is authoritatively stated that certain northern Kuomintang members approached Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, suggesting that the Council appoint a special committee designated to consider the friction between the Kuomintang and the Communists to which the Generalissimo agreed.

Upon the suggestion by non-Kuomintang members, the Generalissimo approved that one Communist member be elected to the presidency of the Council provided the Communists would attend the sessions. Meanwhile, the opening date of the session arrived and the meeting was held without the presence of the Communists.

It was nearly midnight of the first day of the session that the Communist representatives at Chungking received authorisation from Yenan to advance a greatly modified form of the 12 conditions under which they could attend the Council. The modified list excluded three of the previous demands which the Government had said were quite inadmissible. The modified list was presented directly to the Secretary General of the Council on Sunday.

Government circles say the contents of the 12 conditions constitute matters over which the Council has no authority, and official and authoritative circles say that the Council members do not wish to create a precedent by which any party can dictate the conditions of attendance.

The possibility of further mutual adjustment is apparently not excluded since it is understood that both sides are indicating a willingness to make some concessions. Some circles are optimistic that an eventual compromise may be reached, even if it comes after the present session of the Council has terminated.

KING GIVES AUDIENCES

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuters).—The King gave audience to-day to three important statesmen.

The first was General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French Movement. It was the first time that His Majesty had received General de Gaulle, though he met the French leader when he inspected Free French units last autumn.

The second visitor was President Roosevelt's unofficial representative, Colonel W. J. Donovan.

The third visitor was Mr Winston Churchill.

Japanese Envoy Flies To Iran

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH."

TOKYO, Mar. 4 (Domei).—Mr Kikotaro Ichikawa, newly-appointed Japanese Minister to Iran, will leave Tokyo on March 7 on an eight-day air journey to reach his post. This is the first time that a Japanese diplomat is proceeding to his post by air.

Travel by sea from Japan to Iran has been practically cut off. The land course through Soviet Russia to Iran is still open but Mr Ichikawa has decided on an aerial schedule from Tokyo to Tashkent, Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Baghdad and Teheran, a course of 8,000 miles.

Soviet Rebuke To Sofia Reveals Her Anxiety

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuters).—The important statement broadcast from Moscow in regard to the German occupation of Bulgaria has given rise to much comment in diplomatic quarters in London, learns "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent.

There is nothing, however, to suggest that it means more than it says, namely that the Soviet Government does not share the views of the Bulgarian Government that its attitude will lead to preservation of peace.

Consequently, the Soviet Government is unable to support the Bulgarian Government in the prosecution of its present policy.

It is an obvious rebuke to the Government of Bulgaria and gives contradiction to those Bulgarian papers which were spreading reports that Russia was in full agreement with the latest developments.

It must be recalled that the Bulgarian Prime Minister, in his speech at Vienna in signing the Tripartite Pact, re-affirmed his resolve to develop further the traditional friendly relations with the Soviet Union.

This statement, which incidentally was ignored by Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, in his reply, does not seem to have mollified Moscow in any way.

The significant nature of the broadcast is that it was renewed in several languages and on more than one occasion.

Underlying Motive

More will have to be known of the true circumstances and underlying motives of the Soviet statement before any considered judgment would be possible so far as British quarters are concerned. It is clear that opportunity has been taken in the statement to underline the Soviet's attitude of non-involvement in the struggle and her desire that operations should not be extended.

By implication, blame for the spread of the conflict has been put on Germany's shoulders, as the statement clearly implies that the occupation of Bulgaria is to extend the operations.

H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks \$.....	1,340.45	sd.
H.K. Banks £.....	73	n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £.....	75	n.
Chartered £.....	74	n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £.....	23	n.
Mercantile, C. £.....	11	4
East Asia \$.....	76	b.

INSURANCES

Cantons \$.....	215	n.
Union \$.....	417	so.
China Underwriters \$.....	11	n.
H.K. Fire \$.....	170	n.

SHIPPING

Douglas \$.....	185	n.
Steamboats \$.....	89	n.
Indo-Chinas P. \$.....	100	n.
Indo-Chinas D. \$.....	60	n.
Shell (Bearers) \$.....	43	9
Waterboats \$.....	7	n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$.....	89	n.
Docks (old) \$.....	17	60
Docks (new) \$.....	17	n.
Providents \$.....	54	b. & sa.
Shui Dockyards \$.....	26	n.

MINING

Kalian \$.....	17	n.
Raubs \$.....	8	n.
H.K. Mines \$.....	1	4
LANDS		
Hotel \$.....	3.30	n.
Lands x d. \$.....	32	1
Lands 4% Debentures \$.....	97	4
Shui Lands \$.....	11	4
Humphreys \$.....	0.00	n.
H.K. Realities \$.....	3.20	n.
Chinese Estates \$ x d. \$.....	98	n.

UTILITIES

Trams \$ x d. \$.....	10	s.
Peaks Trams (old) \$.....	74	n.
Peak Trams (new) \$.....	34	n.
Star Ferries \$.....	64	n.
Y. Ferries \$.....	24	n.
China Lights (old) \$.....	16	b.
China Lights (new) \$.....	1,974	11.
H.K. Electrics (old) \$.....	41	12
H.K. Electrics (new) \$.....	41	45
Macao Electrics (old) \$.....	17	4
Macao Electrics (new) \$.....	10	4
Sandakan Lights \$.....	13	n.
Telephones (old) \$.....	24	n.
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Saints Subdue Cyclones

Canuckettes Prepare For Grand Finals

(By "Ball Fan")

CLEAN-CUT yet decisive wins were recorded in Hongkong's two major softball loops at the Kowloon ball diamond as leading teams consolidated their pay-off spots in an anticlimax before next week's all-important grand finale.

The marauding Mohawks lambasted a weak playing Filipino Club 19-0, while Dave Leonard's league leading St Joseph's ballhawks continued up on top with a 8-1 win over the youthful Cyclones. The "bottoms-up" Canucks took another shellacking as they bowed to the C.B.C. clan 8-2.

The Maple Leaf Canuckettes staged a last minute dress rehearsal before the finale, clubbing through to an 11-0 triumph over Ella Chin's rejuvenated Chung Hwa Maroonettes, as uncle Mike's Rees concluded a disappointing season with a slight sparkle, winning 22-9 from the Little Flowers.

THE Maple Leaf Canuckettes beat a gallant, geared-up Chung Hwa Maroon nine 11-0 for its 12th victory of the year. Paced by the terrific slugging of lanky Rene Yuen, who slumped out a pair of triples, and hulking ace Mary Ng, the champions displayed a marked all-round superiority, clearly evident throughout the seven innings.

Connecting for eleven solid blows, the winners had Chung Hwa hurler Fungie Law constantly in trouble, tearing across the plate with tailers in all but the first inning.

Rosie Louie, making her debut at shortstop fielded brilliantly, making three putouts and assisting in two others.

THE Chung Hwa Maroons bowed out of the current campaign an improved team with more confidence and showing loads of énergie to be back in the fold next season.

THE rough-riding Rees left this year's picture with a vengeance, plastering the Little Flower brownies with a 22-0 defeat.

Uncle Mike's culies, aided by 15 Los Florinette miscues, scored in every stanza with a twelve-hit barrage. Although augmented by the appearance of Cards' Betty Fitzgerald and Gille Motta, the brown flowers were unable to solve the offerings of Jerry Jorge and M. Rodrigues.

Melvy Campos, Rec backstop, injured in the 3rd frame, came back to lead the winners run attack, in her final league appearance this year.

TAKING a two run lead in the 1st frame run Arturo Ozorio and Al Leonard sped across the pan, St Joseph's burly bulldawks pushed over three more markers in the 3rd inning on Stan Leonard's driving triple with

League Standing

GIRLS

	W.	L.	P.C.
Canadian Chinese	12	1	.923
Walterian	10	3	.769
Cardinals	8	6	.571
Panthers	7	7	.538
Recreo	4	10	.290
Chung Hwa	1	13	.071
Los Florinette	0	13	.071

MEN'S

	W.	L.	P.C.
St. Joseph's	10	3	.833
Indians	10	3	.769
Walterian	8	5	.667
Recreo	6	7	.507
Liga Portuguesa	7	6	.500
South China	4	8	.444
R. Scott	3	8	.333
C.B.C.	2	10	.167
Philippine Club	0	13	.000

Second Division

	W.	L.	P.C.
Chung Hwa	0	1	.000
V.R.C.	0	1	.000
R.A.F.	0	3	.007
Recreo	1	2	.007
Liga Portuguesa	0	4	.000
South China	4	5	.000
R. Scott	3	6	.000
C.B.C.	0	7	.000
Engineering	0	7	.000

Inter Hong

	W.	L.	P.C.
Hongkong Bank	5	0	1.000
Shell	0	1	.750
Chartered Bank	4	2	.507
Locas	0	2	.500
Cables	0	4	.000
Green Spots	0	4	.000

two mates on board, and "Santa" Cruz's long sacrifice, to defeat A. M. Omur's blistered hurricane gang.

The Santa packed too much power with the bludgeon, and although outhit by the losers, bunched their tallies in the first four stanzas to breeze in with an easy win.

Kelly Silva-Netto, slab toiling for the Cyclones, encountered trouble continually, fielding loosely to be charged with two costly errors.

A BE Liu's Chinese Basballers took an easy 8-2 win over the basement-welling Canadian Chinese. The Liumen sowed the game in the 3rd inning on successive singles

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Sunday's Stars

Rene Yuen and Mary Ng, Maple Leaf's René continued her terrific batting pace, driving out two dazzling triples and a pair of singles for a perfect day with the willow-wand; latter hauled a three hit game, crossed the platter with three runs and made three hits in three times up.

Melvy Campos and Jerry Jorge, Recrelo—Melvy led the rough-and-big run parade with four tallies and played a steady blind-matching game despite an injury in the 3rd frame; latter played a big part in winning her own game by slashing out three stinging base blows.

Stan Leonard and Al Leonard, St. Joseph's—Former's soaring triple in the 3rd stanza with two mates on board just about sewed up the ball game for the league leaders; latter was given the O.K. sign with big red letters. In his initial appearance at second base,

Junior Mar and Ben Cray, C.B.C.—Former came through with a double and triple bunt in his first starry appearance of the year; latter had the Canucks to three scattered hits besides connecting for two timely blows.

Johnny Johnson and Honus Waggoner, Mohawks—Former bat in three tallies with a timely sacrifice and single, while latter tore across the plate with four runs and played errorless ball in a brilliant performance behind the platter.

FOOTBALL REFEREES MEETING

THE ALLOTMENT OF GAMES and the award of souvenirs to referees and linesmen who officiate in the Senior and Junior Shield finals was discussed at the fortnight meeting of the Hongkong Referees Association held at the Hotel Cecil yesterday.

It was decided to subject the proposal relating to souvenirs to the Football Association. No replies have yet been received from the F.A. to letters regarding complaints of certain referees to the allotment of games.

Speaker of the evening was Mr. G. Stokes who gave an address on the duties of an official, and said that most important for the referee was to prevent trouble on the field and the surest method of attaining this was through co-operation between the officials and players.

Artillery Rugby XV

The following will represent Combined Royal Artillery against Middlesex Regiment in the Large Units Rugby League to-morrow at Soo Kun Po at 3 p.m.: Marshall (1st Hvy.); Gnr. G. G. G. (1st Hvy.); Gnr. K. Keeble (12th Hvy.); Lt. S. Richards (1st Hvy.); Capt. Hook (1st Hvy.); Gnr. Dobbinson (6th A.A.); 2/Lt. Bompas (H.K.S.R.A.); 2/Lt. Wedderburn; 2/Lt. Delderfield (12th Hvy.); 2/Lt. Mew; 2/Lt. Heath (6th A.A.); Sgt. Page (5th Hvy.); 2/Lt. Eddie (12th Hvy.); 2/Lt. McDermott (8th Hvy.).

Comparative best individual times were Indians 35 mins 30 secs and Europeans 37 mins 27 secs.

The first 12 of the 15 runners counted in the team Championship, and the Hongkong-Singapore Royal Artillery took first place with an aggregate of 104 points.

Other units competing were the Rajputana Rifles, the Punjabis, the Mole Corps, and the Indian Army Service Corps.

The course was down Waterloo Road to the Rifle Ranges, and then back again to Boundary Street via La Salle College, terminating at the Polo ground.

European Race

Pte. Manson (Royal Scots) was first home in the race for European units, clocking 37 mins 27 secs over the same course. Cpl. Hobson and L/Cpl. Dunn were second and third, respectively. Hobson's time being 37 mins 31 secs. Cpl. Truscott and Sgman. Lithgow, both of Signals, were fourth and fifth, respectively.

Middlesex won the team event, 12 runners of 15 reaching home in the following order: Cpl. Hobson (2), L/Cpl. Dunn (3), Pte. Coomer (6), Dnr. Merton (7), Pte. Hughes (8), Pte. Sturges (10), Dnr. Onslow (11), Pte. S. M. Ure (15), Pte. Henderson (16), Pte. Mincey (24), Pte. Baker (26), Pte. Hobson (27), totalling 101 points, the lowest ever recorded by a European unit and the first time a European line regiment has been awarded the senior trophy.

Royal Scots were second in the team event, and other units finishing in the respective order were Combined Small Units Royal Engineers, Europeans and Chindian Supplies, Royal Artillery.

Mrs. McLeod, wife of Brigadier General McLeod, presented the trophies and individual prizes.

Queen's College Sports

The annual Athletic meeting of Queen's College will be held on Saturday, March 15, on the Queen's College ground, Causeway Bay, at 2 p.m.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held, weather permitting, on Saturday, 16th March, 1941, (postponed from Saturday, 8th March, 1941) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 6th March, 1941.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Around The Courses

Country Club Return Match Against Kowloon G.C.

Probably At Sheungshui On March 29: Care Of Clubs During Rain

(By "Birdie")

THE RETURN MATCH between the Country Club and the Kowloon Golf Club will, in all probabilities, be held at Sheungshui on March 29. Though the first match was played on the New Territories course, March 29 is the only date available for the return match, and, unfortunately, the morning of that date is the time when the Kowloon Rifle Ranges will be in use.

Rather than confine the match to an afternoon, therefore, it is proposed and will doubtless be accepted that the game be held again at the Country Club.

Kowloon won the first match, though the result was something of a side issue, but the Country Club hope to reverse the result at the end of this month.

By that time, that is to say, the end of the month, all the rain that is to fall should have fallen. Courses at the moment are very sodden, and the cure of one's club is a point for players to remember. In this respect, the woods call for the greater attention. Irons, these days, are rustless, but the effect of water on the woods can be quite disastrous.

Caddies on the caddie master usually wipe one's clubs over with oil at the end of a game, but their attention is generally confined to the irons. Linseed oil, the same as is used in the preservation of cricket bats, is of inestimable value when it comes to the woods.

In competitions, during gunfire or while bombs are falling, players may take cover without penalty for ceasing to play.

A player whose stroke is affected by the simultaneous explosion of a bomb or shell or by machinegun fire may play another ball from the same place. Penalty One stroke.

It was reported that a Yorkshire bowler "fan" was persuaded to try his hand at golf. When asked after the game how he liked it, he replied: "It'll never last."

"Last," his friends exclaimed in surprise, "Why, there are golf courses all over the country."

"I don't care," commented the bowler expert. "It can't last. Why, when I was at the fourth hole to-day I was a mile and a half from 'bar.'

Fanling Hunt To-day

The meet of the Fanling Hunt to-day will be at the Sheungshui cross-roads. The meet on Sunday will be at the Hunters' Arms, and Mr. H. C. Macnamara will be "At Home."

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Cost Of Living Rising Steadily

Readers may recall that the cost of living in Hongkong in August last was stated officially to be \$2 per head per week. In January, this figure had risen to \$2.33; and last month's official figure is now given as \$2.47 per head per week. These figures only cover the cost of food and fuel.

In an interval of six months, third grade rice has risen from 9.3 cents to 13 cents per catty and firewood from 2.3 to 3.5 cents per catty.

The Medical Authorities give a round figure of a catty of rice and three-quarters of a catty of firewood per person per day as the average consumption; hence, for rice and firewood alone (without any "sump") the average person has to pay 32.2 cents more per week than he did for the corresponding quantities of rice and firewood in August last—or to be content with proportionately less.

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30 d/s India	844
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.024
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.034

Mexico & America To Discuss Mutual Aid

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 4 (UP).—The State Department announced to-day that Mexico had instructed her Military, Naval and Air Attachés at Washington to discuss "with experts designated by the United States Government", plans relating to the assistance which the two countries would render each other in the event of aggression against either of them.

"In the conversations which are now making progress at Washington for the purpose indicated, the representatives will study the manner of carrying out the collaboration, observing always with the greatest regard the principle of the national sovereignty of the two States."

The announcement said that the conversations were undertaken under the hemispheric defence accord reached last July "on the occasion of the second consultative meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the American Republics."

It stated that Mexico and the United States "agreed to exchange their views in order to co-ordinate suitably the progress of their common defence."

Porter Killed By Piece Of China

A Chinaman was found in a lung of Patrick Henry Hearne, it was stated at the inquest at Westminster. He was injured when the Arts Club, Dover-street, where he was porter, was bombed recently. The coroner recorded a verdict of "Death due to enemy action."

Plebiscite Result

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—It is announced that the final result of the Rumanian plebiscite on General Antonescu's policy (says a German wireless message) was as follows:

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Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

A fair number of enquiries were made during the day, but offers were not sufficiently attractive to lead to any great exchange of shares.

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ENORMOUS Fleets In The Making

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crusaders and 13 destroyers, while it is thought that few of the 70 U-boats with which she began the war still remain in service.

Excluding the damage at Taranto, Italy has lost a cruiser, seven destroyers and at least 30 submarines. On the world's new capital ships construction is still with the exception of four Japanese pocket battleships is at least 35,000 tons, while 20, if not more, are 40,000 tons or over. The latter include four British of the Lion class, the first two of which are due to be completed in 1943.

U. S. Programme

The United States has 17 battleships building or on order, and it is suggested that some of these may have a displacement of 62,000 tons. Other items of the American building programme include 12 aircraft carriers, 54 cruisers, 200 destroyers and 80 submarines.

It is impossible to guess how many submarines Germany has laid down since there is no solid basis for the American estimate of 300, but it is believed that this figure is by no means unreasonable.

Unconfirmed reports suggest that German capital ships under construction may include two 40,000-ton vessels to be called Friedrich der Grosse and Hindenburg while reports that the battleships Bismarck and Tirpitz are in full commission must, it is stated, be treated with caution.

BRITISH TAKE 10,000 PRISONERS

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by the Italian Government in Ethiopia and Somaliland."

These have been placed under military jurisdiction. In the course of the proclamation, General Cunningham warns that actions against public peace or the British forces will be punishable by death or lesser penalties.

He concludes: "All existing laws, customs, rights and properties in the said territory will be fully respected so far as they are consistent with the proclamation. So long as the inhabitants remain peaceable and comply with my orders, they will be subjected to no more interference than I consider essential to the performance of my duties. And they need have no fear."

Preparing For Stand?

LONDON, Mar. 4 (UPI)—It is reported that the Italians at Keren are preparing for a long stand in the gorge of the dried-up River Anseba, between Keren and the key pass which the British seized last Saturday. It is thought that the heavy R.A.F. bombing forced the withdrawal towards Anseba where the Italian communication lines are shorter. It is reported that between 300 and 400 miles of Italian Somaliland are now at the mercy of the British since it became known three days before they surrendered Mogadiscio, that the Italian Commander-in-Chief, the Governor and all troops which were not dispersed, fled without attempting to establish defence positions.

Matsuoka Directly Contacts Churchill

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emigrate to and develop Oceania, at least."

New Assurances

LONDON, Mar. 4 (UPI)—Official Japanese circles announced to-day the Ambassador Shigemitsu has handed Mr. Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, a new Matsuoka note which is believed to contain fresh assurances that Japan does not intend to attack the British Empire anywhere. Afterwards Mr. Churchill and Mr. Shigemitsu discussed for 25 minutes the Anglo-Japanese relations and the Far Eastern developments.

It is understood that the Ambassador informed the Prime Minister of the Indo-China-Thailand proposals. Mr. Shigemitsu told a Japanese journalist that the talk contributed further to the alleviation of Anglo-Japanese tension and he was of the opinion that the Pacific crisis seemed dissipated. It is understood that the Ambassador expressed satisfaction to Mr. Churchill of Mr. Menzies' speech last Monday, and he also contended that the triple alliance was designed to prevent the spread of the war to the Far East.

LATE NEWS

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RENDEL ASKS FOR PASSPORT

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EIRE WANTS ARMS

DUBLIN, Mar. 4 (Reuter)—Mr. Frank Aiken, the Eire Minister for Co-operation of Defensive Measures, is leaving for the United States tomorrow by air to examine the possibilities of purchasing arms and supplies from America, according to official sources.

but its success is regarded even in Axis circles as extremely dubious.

"Were the Axis partners sure of success in this direction, they would not seek to shift the scene of operations into another theatre of war."

Von Papen Misses

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter)—Herr Franz von Papen, the German Ambassador, was to-day received by President Inonu of Turkey and read out to him a personal message from Hitler, States the Ankara wireless.

The announcer said: "The President listened to the message with great attention and begged Herr von Papen to convey his thanks to the Fuehrer for 'this act of courtesy.'

"M. Sarayoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, was present at the interview which took place at the President's estate at Chankay, near Ankara."

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Greek-Italian Peace Believed Likely, But Italy Says "No"

Special to the "Telegraph"

SOFIA, Mar. 4 (UP).—A high neutral diplomatic official told the "United Press" to-day that the Greeks can be expected to make peace.

King George and the present Government officials who are favourable to England may retire to Crete and continue their relations with the British while a new Government seeks peace.

RENDL ASKS FOR PASSPORT

Britain Carries Out Threat To Bulgaria

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The Berlin radio announced to-night that diplomatic relations between Bulgaria and Britain had been severed. The British Minister, Mr. George W. Rendel, is reported to be leaving Bulgaria as soon as final arrangements can be made for his departure.

Asks for Passport

SOFIA, Mar. 4 (UP).—It is unanimously reported that Mr. William Rendel the British Minister will ask Dr. Filoff the Foreign Minister for his passport at 10 a.m. on Wednesday thereby severing Anglo-Bulgarian relations. Mr. Rendel announced his decision in the presence of a meeting of the Polish, Belgian, Greek and Dutch diplomats.

According to highest Bulgarian source, the Bulgarian Foreign Office advised the Polish and Dutch Ministers and the Dutch Charge d'Affaires that they may no longer continue their diplomatic missions in Bulgaria due to the situation created by the entry of the German troops.

A high Axis source said that a special German Embassy is arriving at Ankara at 10 a.m. to-day carrying a personal message from Hitler to President Inönü, assuring the Turks that the Germans have no intention of attacking Turkey or the Dardanelles.

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—A TURN to Back Page, Column 3

Bold Raid Off Norway

German Admission

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Light British naval forces carried out a raid on an "unfortified" island off northern Norway on Tuesday morning, states the official German news agency.

"After a short bombardment, which destroyed several fishing boats, soldiers landed and took prisoner some Germans and some Norwegians."

The British vessels, it is stated, left Norwegian waters after a short stay.

No official statement on this report from Berlin is so far available in London.

French Expected To Sign Peace To-day

Special to the "Telegraph"

SAIGON, Mar. 5 (UP).—Japanese newspapers this morning generally predicted that a settlement to the Thai-Indo-China border dispute would be reached to-day as a result of Mr. Matsuo's interview with M. Arsene Henry last night.

Mr. Matsuo insisted that the final French reply must be received to-day (the "Asahi Shimbun" declared that the time limit was noon).

The papers reported that although M. Henry last night continued his bargaining efforts his acceptance of the Japanese plan in toto is believed

GERMANY'S PROBABLE PLANS FOR ATTEMPTED BLOCKADE OF BRITAIN

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1,500 Italians Drowned

When Transport Sunk

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, Mar. 4 (UP).—The official spokesman declared to-day that 1,500 Italian soldiers from the 1st Alpine Division were drowned when the Italian transport Liguira was torpedoed and sunk several months ago.

This has been revealed by Italian prisoners who also said that another transport carrying mules and war materials for the 57th Regiment of the Legorno Division was also bombed and sank in a few minutes.

The spokesman described the situation on the war front as satisfactory. Greek infantry had been successful in all their missions and were destroying Italian machine-guns and collecting useful information while taking prisoners.

Artillery had shelled Italian positions causing important damage.

Greece To Fight On

DEATH OF PROMINENT RESIDENT

Mr John Lowrie

The death occurred this morning at his flat in the P. and O. Building of Mr. John Lowrie, who was one time prominently identified with racing in Hongkong, and who was one of the best-known personalities of the Colony.

Mr. Lowrie, who was 70 years of age, had been in the employ of Messrs Mackinnon, Mackenzie for over 40 years and was still actively connected with this company at the time of his death.

An Ulsterman, the late Mr. Lowrie served originally with P. and O. ships at sea, but in latest years was appointed to a shore position in Hongkong.

His great interest outside his work was pony racing. He was for many years a member of the Hongkong Jockey Club and owned the very successful Ulster stable.

Additionally Mr. Lowrie was a member of St. Patrick's Society, was prominently connected with the Sports Club for a great many years, and was also a member of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

It is expected that the funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon.

SWISS-SOVIET TRADE PACT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BASLE, Mar. 4 (UP).—After 24 years of interruption the first Swiss-Russian commerce treaty has been concluded for one year's exchange of Soviet goods for Swiss machines and precision instruments.

The Russians will exchange goods, oil, grain, cotton and raw materials for use by the Swiss chemical industry to the value of 100,000,000 Swiss francs.

Trawler Sunk

LONDON, Mar. 4 (UP).—The Admiralty announced to-day that the trawler Ouse of 800 tons has been sunk with some casualties.

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It is felt that the Luftwaffe hopes thereby to concentrate its blows on a vulnerable point of Britain's armour by bombing ships and harbours, preventing loading and unloading, disorganizing the distribution of food, and reinforcing an intensified U-boat campaign.

South Wales Raided

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—An attempted heavy German air raid on a South Wales town last night was foiled by fire-bomb fighters who dealt with the numerous incendiary bombs so promptly that after some hours of considerable enemy activity, no serious attack developed.

Flares and thousands of incendiaries were dropped but up to a late hour there were no important fires and no reports of high explosive bombs.

London had a slight attack, ending before midnight.

Attack In Channel

Anti-aircraft fire was augmented by the terrific fire of naval guns at a south coast town. The raiders were apparently attacking shipping in the Channel.

Two enemy machines were heard to be in difficulties and appeared to be dropping towards the sea.

During the day, air activity was small.

More Strikes In America

Defence Works Held Up

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Mar. 4 (UP).—Two new defence strikes have developed. At the Curtiss Wright aircraft and propeller factory at Pittsburgh it is reported that the steel workers are organising a committee for picketing and have "seriously interfered" with over \$70,000,000 worth of defence orders.

Four hundred construction workers affiliated with the American Federation of Labour struck for the second time in a month halting work on the \$1,650,000 army aircraft laboratory at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, after which the War Department, for the first time in history, intervened in a labour dispute and ordered the Penner Corporation to resume the electrical installation work.

The American Federation of Labour union members are reported to be protesting over the Penner Corporation's use of workers who are affiliated with the Congress of Industrial Organisation.

Sentence Of Death

Ho Sung-hui, 22, a salesman, was sentenced to death at Criminal Sessions at 1.45 p.m. to-day by the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor.

Prisoner had been found guilty after nearly an hour's retirement by the jury, of the death of Woo Tong-chiu, 29, a fellow worker in the godown of the Chung Wah Book Company at No. 3, Gilman's Bazaar on December 5.

Another employee, Wong Sun-ka, was also found dead in the premises. During the trial which has spread over three days, the prosecution maintained that accused had used a chopper on Woo who had terrible injuries. Prisoner gave evidence purporting to establish an alibi.

Disembarkation was completed after an hour and a half. This operation is understood to be aimed at intercepting the remaining supply route of the Chungking regime.

The landing was carried out by three columns of troops, and it is claimed that within half a day the Pakhoi area was cleared of Chinese troops.

The correspondent declared that there were indications that Japanese navy was starting to move southward along the Chekiang coast on Monday and that ships arrived in the vicinity of Ching-hai on Monday morning, but sailed in the afternoon towards Chouan Island.

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Sidi Barrani War Ruins

Before General Wavell's triumphant troops entered Sidi Barrani, one-time Italian stronghold on the north Africa coast, the port was reduced to ruins by the "terrible" bombardments of British land and sea guns. This picture, taken after the capture of Sidi Barrani shows what was left of Italian barracks after a naval pounding.



Daring Kidnapping Affair Carried Out In Shanghai

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Mar. 4 (UP).—Five Chinese, three of whom were armed, to-day kidnapped Dr. Hsu Wei-sing, American educated and President of the Second Higher District Court which is controlled by Chungking.

The kidnappers are believed to be pro-Wang Ching-wei elements in view of the fact that Hsu headed a Chungking-controlled Court in French Concession; however, after the French had handed over this court to the Wang Ching-wei regime, Hsu and other judges moved into the International Settlement where they re-opened their court.

Dr. Hsu was returning home together with his wife when kidnapped. He had alighted from his car and had entered his apartment in French Concession when the kidnappers pushed him back into the car and drove off, using their own cars as well as Dr. Hsu's, having pushed out his wife and chauffeur.

Vague Nazi Press Threat To Turkey

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERLIN, Mar. 4 (UP).—Although official confirmation of Hitler's message to President Inönü of Turkey is still unavailable, the evening newspaper "Nachtausgabe," under the caption "The British retreat from Europe to the Near East" significantly said, that Britain, even there could be "attacked by the same methods" that Germany used in Rumania and Bulgaria.

Authorised German quarters commenting on the statement made by M. Vishinsky, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, declared that the attitude of the Soviet Union was understandable.

However, the paper added, "simultaneously they must have understood that Germany can in nowise tolerate any restrictions on the measures it deemed necessary to take to defeat Britain. Our policy in the south-east of Europe is based on our will to create a sure and permanent peace in the southeast, and secondly, our determination to prosecute the war against Britain in the Fuehrer's own words, 'to strike Britain wherever we encounter it!'"

Informed German circles declared that Germany cannot share the Soviet's view that the German action will bring Bulgaria into the war zone. "After the occupation of Bulgaria, it is technically no longer possible for Bulgaria to become the theatre for war," they declared.

LATEST

Japanese Land At Pakhoi

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PAKHOI, Kwangtung, Mar. 5 (Dowse).—Japanese army units, working in co-operation with the navy, landed at Pakhoi, at dawn on Monday, according to an official military statement.

Japanese Land At Pakhoi

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BELGRADE, Mar. 4 (UP).—Despite official denials, rumours persist that Prince Paul may meet some German representative somewhere shortly. Prince Paul has gone to his estate in Slovenia not far from the German frontier, and the latest rumours are that von Ribbentrop and Count Ciano will visit him there.

Prince Paul's Movements

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PRINCIPAL, Mar. 4 (UP).—The Foochow correspondent of the pro-Chungking newspaper "Shun Pao" reports that 100

Japanese warships reached the Fukien coast on Monday and Tuesday, and some of them continued southward.

The correspondent declared that there were indications that Japanese navy was starting to move southward along the Chekiang coast on Monday and that ships arrived in the vicinity of Ching-hai on Monday morning, but sailed in the afternoon towards Chouan Island.

Other Chinese press reports state that 13 Japanese warships were seen

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Japanese Navy Said To Be On The Move

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De Gaulle Delegate In Colony

M. Charles Francois Baron, who was recently appointed to replace M. Guy de Schompre as General de Gaulle's representative in the Far East, arrived on a visit yesterday, accompanied by Capt I. Lyon, British Liaison Officer.

M. de Schompre, who was recently married in Singapore, has left to pay a visit to General de Gaulle's headquarters in London.

M. Baron was formerly Administrator of the French Colony of Chandernagor, India. Capt Lyon, of the Gordon Highlanders, Singapore, married the beautiful daughter of a French Government official in Indo-China just prior to the outbreak of war. He met his wife when he made a solo yacht voyage from Singapore to Indo-China and running off his course, arrived at a lonely island off Saigon.

The island was the Devil's Island of Indo-China. On this island he met his bride, the daughter of the Superintendent of the large prison and convict settlement. They were married in Saigon.

Madrid Art Deal With Vichy

A Murillo painting, the Immaculate Conception, has arrived in Spain from the Louvre Museum, Paris. The famous 17th-century Spanish artist painted several pictures with the Immaculate Conception as their subject, but the one reaching Spain is regarded as his greatest work and is also his largest canvas.

The painting went to Spain as the result of negotiations between the Spanish and French authorities for an exchange of works of art having special historic or national interest for Spain.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Captain Alexander Charles Campbell, master mariner, and Miss Gertrude Maria Carmo, clerk, of 7 Seac Keen Terrace.



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(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:

"95. The Directors of the Company shall not be less than six and not more than ten in number."

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

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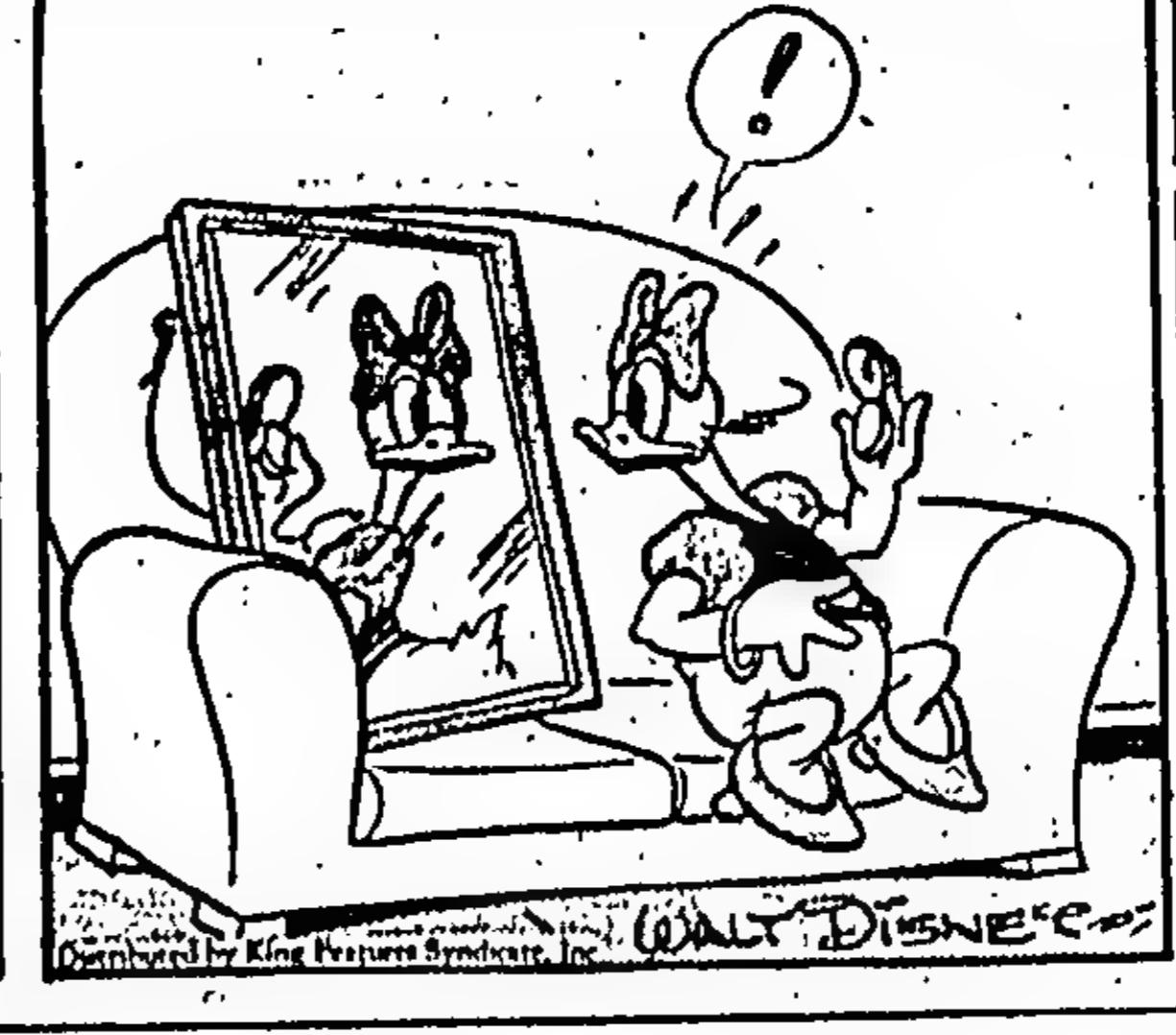
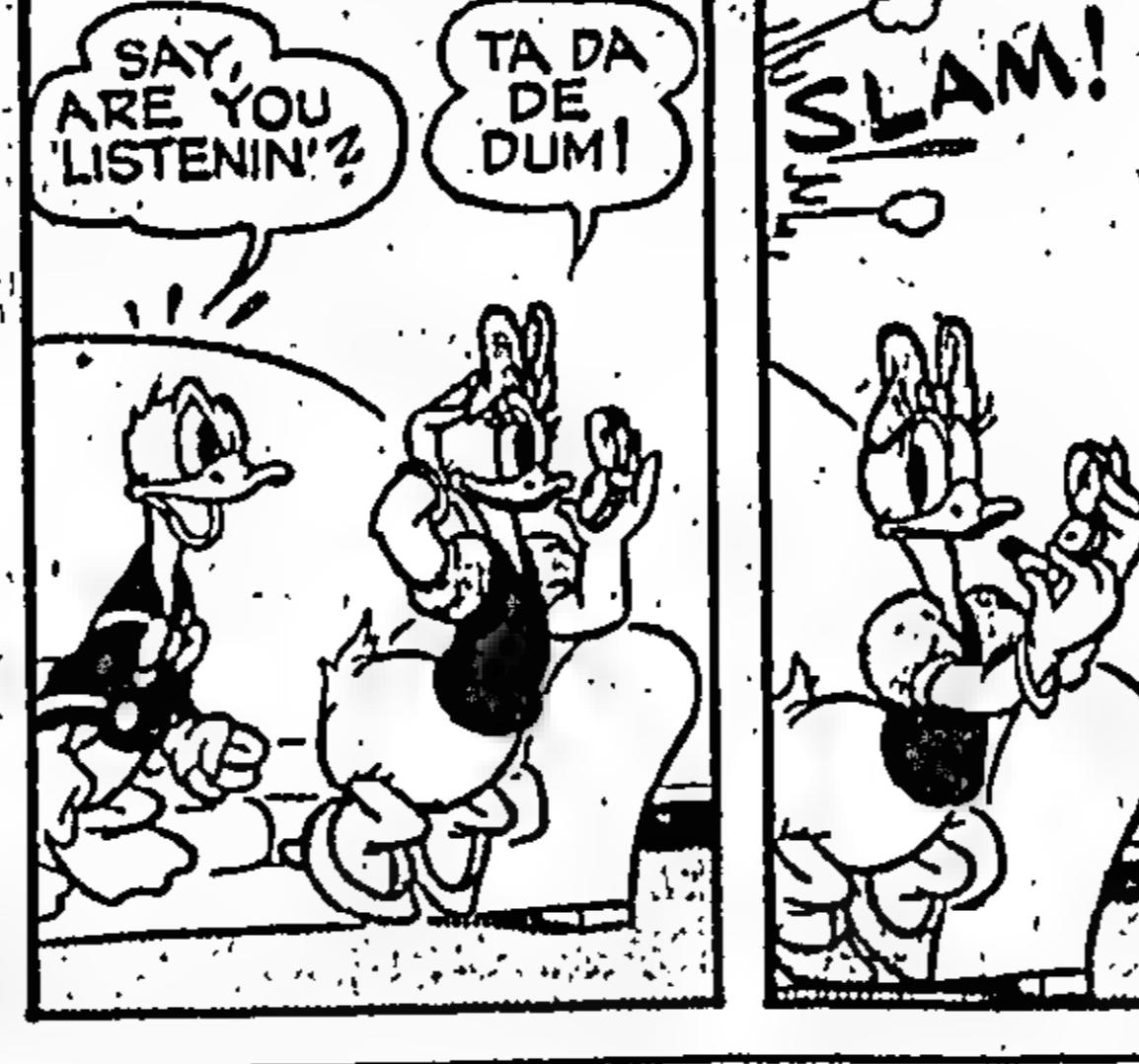
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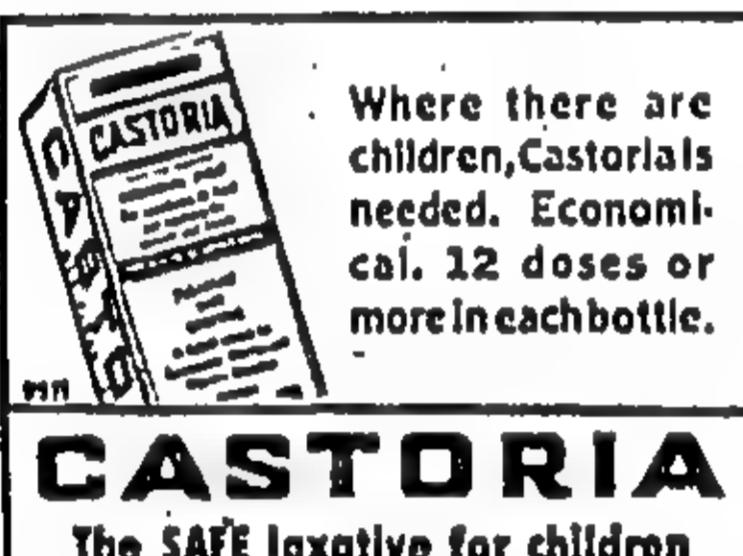
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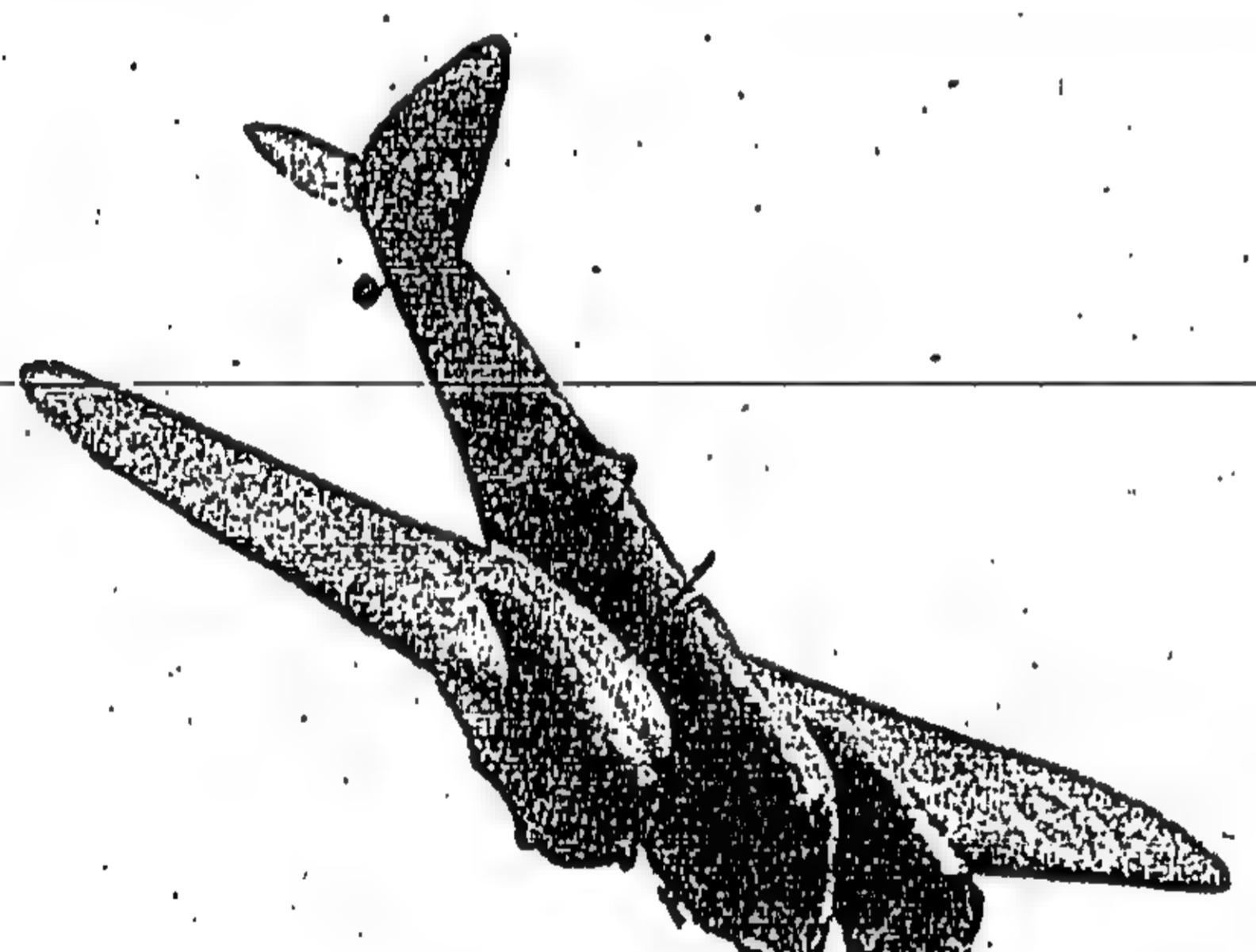
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NOT THE TIME FOR COMPLACENCY

HONGKONG's calmness in the face of the Far Eastern crisis which has arisen just lately has been so striking as to warrant the suspicion that the reaction is caused more by indifference and smug complacency than as the result of any deliberate and objective appraisal of the portends. Possibly too, there has been so much cry of "Wolf! Wolf!" during the past 18 months that the populace has become suspicious and disbelieving. It is not with the intention of causing disquiet and fear that attention is drawn to the political significance of the Japanese manoeuvres in Kwangtung, Hainan, Formosa, Indo-China and Thailand, but it does seem vitally necessary that Hongkong, and especially the huge Chinese population here should be alive to the possibilities.

The popular belief heard expressed in the Colony to-day is that Hongkong will never be attacked; in these times, when events move with such rapidity and changes in the international situation are effected overnight, this is a dangerous assumption. Rather should the Chinese masses here be encouraged to treat the situation with serious suspicion and ask themselves, "In the event of Hongkong being attacked, what am I going to do?" The question is of vital importance both to the welfare and safety of the people and to the successful defence of the Colony against any such attack.

It is fully recognised that the biggest problem which will confront the authorities in the event of an attack on Hongkong is proper control of the tens of thousands of Chinese, not only who are already resident on the island, but those who will endeavour to flock across the harbour. It will be an immense, perhaps impossible task to prevent chaos. The official mind is probably grappling with the problem at the moment, although the solution at first sight does not appear to be an easy one.

In this connection it would seem that the Chinese community leaders might help. Earnest inquiry into the possibilities of finding a scheme whereby considerable numbers of Chinese in the Colony could be transferred to other and relatively safer areas before the danger of attack is imminent may well produce a practical plan. Alternatively these gentlemen could actively co-operate with Government by urging the Chinese populace to take advantage of any mooted official scheme.

A stampede out of Hongkong at this stage would certainly be preferable to the panic which would inevitably result from any assault on this Colony.

RIDDLES OF 1941

From NEW YORK.

ONE of the great questions of 1941 is whether Japan will honour her obligations to the Axis.

Will she involve herself in war with Britain and the United States as soon as the extent and nature of American aid to Britain is held by Germany to constitute an act of war?

Japan's decision must depend upon three factors: Russia, the extent of American aid to China, and the success of the Japanese military Fascists in converting Japan into a National Socialist State.

Germany might have succeeded in her recent efforts to bring about peace between China and Japan had it not been for the prompt action of the United States in extending new credits to China and promising her arms and aeroplanes while banning exports of scrap iron to Japan.

Help For China
Chiang Kai-shek was thereby given an assurance that henceforth American aid would be substantial and American opposition to least until the Japanese Fascists have won complete control at home.

He is likely to come to terms with Tokyo if pressed sufficiently hard by Hitler.

But Hitler may not be con-

vinced that Japan will dare to involve herself in war with the United States, at least until the Japanese Fascists have won complete control at home.

He may therefore not yet be exercising real pressure on Stalin.

It must also be remembered that it is to Stalin's advantage, as well as to

Hitler's, to see Japanese aggression diverted southwards.

She May . . .

Russia cannot afford to let

Japan become master of all

China, but might be glad to see

a compromise peace enabling

Japan to withdraw a large part

of her army from China and em-

boldening her to take the incal-

culable risks of war with the

British Empire and the United

States.

If American and British sup-

port of China prevents such a

peace, Stalin could serve Hitler's

interests and perhaps see his

own advantage in ordering the

Chinese Communists to with-

draw their support from the

Generalissimo and form a Chi-

Embargo Failure

However, the United States is still supplying

Japan with large quantities

of materials, presumably in

the hope that by gentle

handling Japan can be kept

from entering the war

against England.

Unfortunately, although

this policy may have some-

thing to be said for it politi-

cally, it has enabled Japan to

lay in large stores of

essential war materials and

to make it less likely than it

was a year or two ago that a

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Moreover, the failure to

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disheartened the Chinese,

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And Russia?

The accumulation of reserves in Japan may now be sufficient to enable her to risk a war with Britain and America if once she is convinced that her aid is all that

Third Article—by Freda Utley

What will happen in the Far East?



"Should Japan enter the war against England, the United States would almost certainly fight her."

ne Soviet Republic in the North-West.

It is hardly an exaggeration to say that the fate of Britain's Asiatic Empire depends on China, who for so long has battled alone. Indeed, the fate of England herself must be vitally affected by the steadfastness of the Chinese in rejecting all German offers to save a good part of their country from Japan if only they will make peace.

Should Japan enter the war against England, the United States will almost certainly fight her, to the great advantage of Germany in the short run. In the long run the impetus given to American arms production by involvement in the war might outweigh the advantage and the Eighth Route Army in the Japanese Navy against England. War against Japan would probably be less unpopular in America than a declaration of war against Germany, since there are no minorities here in sympathy with Japan.

Anglo-Indian relations are also a vital factor. Should we have America unless her Fascists can bring India freedom and treat India as a semi-feudal, semi-capitalist state, the set-up. Hence the efforts of the Fascists to deprive the Emperor of temporal power and seclude him as a powerless god like his ancestors before the Restoration. Up to those big business interests, to whose side the Emperor.

The great obstacle is the position of the Emperor as the "Divine" Leader of the nation. On account of this Japan is experiencing the same difficulty in going Nazi as she formerly experienced in trying to become a democracy.

"All the would-be Mussolini's present—there were at least ten of them—looked very Napoleonic."

Nothing would do more to convince Americans of what we are fighting for than an abandonment of Imperialist domination of India.

TO-MORROW

the Rt. Hon. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, discusses in an interview with Maurice Webb the question, "Will Our Blockade Win?"

Mussolini's London Flop

By Hannen Swaffer

from England that I am writing this, my opinion of your play, I feel quite safe here.

The Italian waiters present all came out looking as if they liked it. The Belgian, Italian and German Ambassadors smiled, diplomatically.

"All the would-be Mussolini's present—there were at least ten of them—looked very Napoleonic."

"We saw nothing of his millions of victims—the victims of power and majesty and dominion over suffering, men and stricken women. Put that in your next play!"

Sydney Carroll, the manager, and John Drinkwater, who adapted it, received from the King of Italy, no doubt because Mussolini ordered it, the degrees of Knight Commander of the Crown of Italy; Robert Atkins, which it was produced.

He called it "Napoleon, the Hundred Days."

Paris cut out Wellington and all the English and German officers. Welmar cut out Wellington and the English—but left in the Germans. London made cuts.

Forzana must have got tired of calling on his fellow-author and saying: "Master, they've altered your play again!"

I WROTE, as my criticism, an open letter, addressed, "Dear Duce," and beginning:

"As in Italy your critics are sent away to mysterious islands, and then—but the sequel is a sordid row—never heard of again, it is over the income-tax on Mussolini's test."

CHINESE COMMUNISTS TONE DOWN DEMANDS TO THE CHUNGKING GOVT.

By F. M. FISHER
Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 4 (UP).—The absence of all seven Communist members of the National People's Political Council from the first few meetings of the current session, while reflecting serious political differences between the Kuomintang and the Communists, does not necessarily mean an open break leading to civil strife in the opinion of informed neutrals in Chungking.

The present abstention of the Communists from the Council is felt here as indicating that the long continued mutual efforts to reconcile political and other differences have not yet been successful, although some progress in this direction has already been made.

Changsha Bombed, Landings On S. Kwangtung Coast

CHANGSHA, March 4 (Central News).—After a long respite, 30 Japanese planes staged a raid over Changsha yesterday morning. They were greeted by thunderous Chinese anti-aircraft fire and were forced to break formation. After unloading their bombs haphazardly, they flew away in a northerly direction. Damage caused by the raid is understood to be slight.

Fifty-six Japanese planes, in several squadrons raided Yushan and other towns in Kiangsi yesterday.

Kwangtung Landings

CHUNGKING, March 4 (Central News).—Military advices from Kwangtung indicate that heavy fighting has flared up on the Tolshan and Yungkong coast as a result of Japanese landing there.

Early on Monday morning five Japanese warships and 50 rubber boats with about 1,000 Japanese aboard, arrived off the coast at Kwangtung, south-west of Tolshan. Under the protective bombardment of eight planes the Japanese forced a landing and pushed toward Tolshan, meeting with strong Chinese resistance.

On Monday night Japanese troops from Sunwui in a number of rubber boats landed at Tolino and headed for Shachung.

Under a protective barrage laid by their naval guns units of Japanese troops tried to land at Paktsunkung in the district of Yungkong this morning.

INDIAN AIR FORCE UNITS

Boys' Prospects

DELHI, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—How young Indians from civil life are being trained as ground personnel for the Indian Air Force was shown to me when I visited the school of Air Force technical training at Ambala, writes Reuter's special correspondent. "There are several hundred airmen under training recruited from all over India, including all castes and creeds. The school covers an extraordinarily large variety of training and only men with extremely good educational qualifications are accepted."

The basic training course, including instruction in the duties of flight mechanics, flight riggers, carpenters, electricians, wireless operators, photographers and many others, lasts for six months after which the man qualifies and goes into a unit."

Promotion Hopes

Owing to the rapidity of expansion of the Indian Air Force, the prospects are the best, and there is keen competition for enlistment. It being realised that expert training given will subsequently be invaluable in peace time.

I visited several workshops where tuition is proceeding, and after seeing for myself how intensely absorbed the recruits were in their work, I felt that my guide spoke truly when he spontaneously paid tribute to the lads, saying that they were as keen as mustard."

QUO TAI-CHI SEES MENZIES

London, Mar. 4 (Central News).—Mr Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to the Court of St James's to-day called on Mr P. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, and had a friendly exchange of views on the Pacific situation and other questions affecting the mutual interests of China and Australia.

The question of the exchange of diplomatic missions between China and Australia was also discussed.

Australian circles believe that Mr Menzies is anxious that such an exchange should take place soon.

Speech Construed

Interviewed after his talk with Mr Menzies, Mr Quo said that the speech made by Mr Menzies to the Foreign Press Association yesterday should not be interpreted as indicating that Australia is prepared to give way to force or to submit under an aggression, though she is anxious to preserve peace in the Pacific, make friends and continue to seek friendship with Australia's neighbours. He was so convinced in view of the active defence measures in Malaya and the Pacific recently undertaken by Australia, and particularly after his exchange of views with Mr Menzies.

Chungking Posts

CHUNGKING, Mar. 3 (Central News).—General Ho Kuo-kwang was sworn in this morning as Commander of the National Gendarmerie and concurrently Deputy Garrison Commander of Chungking. Simultaneously, General Chang Cheng assumed his office as Vice-Commander of the Gendarmerie and concurrently Dean of the Gendarmes' School.

Both sides have grievances. However, Government authorities, saying they are unwilling to aggravate the delicate situation, indicate that it is not permissible to enumerate or discuss the arguments advanced by either side just now.

Twelve Demands

Following the disbandment of the new Fourth Army, the Communists published a list of 12 demands asking for the reinstatement of the new Fourth Army and the release of its Commander, General Yeh Ting; seeking legal recognition of the Communist Party; asking for the punishment of the Central Army Commanders involved in the disbandment of the new Fourth; requesting that an end be put to the one-party rule and demanding the inauguration of a constitution.

The Government is viewing the matter as non-political and as being merely a question of military discipline. Apparently it could not agree with these demands from a minor political Party. However, conversations and negotiations have proceeded in which both parties gave evidence of a willingness to make some concessions.

This was the position when the approach of the Council session made the question more important. The Communist's demands had not been advanced as conditions for attending the Council but they made it known that they would not attend with the question still completely unsolved.

Special Committee
It is authoritatively stated that certain northern Kuomintang members approached Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek suggesting that the Council appoint a special committee designated to consider the friction between the Kuomintang and the Communists to which the Generalissimo agreed.

Upon the suggestion by non-Kuomintang members, the Generalissimo approved that one Communist member be elected to the presidium of the new German battleships Bismarck and Tirpitz; and details of powerful units which America, Japan and Italy are adding to their fleets. A war loss section, included for the first time since 1919, gives details of casualties in the belligerent navies, prefaced by aerial photographs of the destruction wrought among the Italian Fleet at Taranto by the Air Arm last November.

Britain's Losses

Britain's losses of big ships have been comparatively slight, the highest price being paid by small ships, over 100 of them being lost, some without trace. Britain had also lost 30 destroyers and 23 submarines up to the time the lists were compiled.

Germany's fleet is reduced by one pocket battleship, the Graf Spee, four cruisers and 13 destroyers, while it is thought that few of the 70 U-boats with which she began the war still remain in service.

Excluding the damage at Taranto, Italy has lost a cruiser, seven destroyers and at least 30 submarines.

On the world's new capital ships construction, all with the exception of four Japanese pocket battleships of at least 35,000 tons while 20, if not more, are of 40,000 tons or over. The latter include four British of the Lion class, the first two of which are due to be completed in 1943.

U. S. Programme

The United States has 17 battleships building or on order and it is suggested that some of these may have a displacement of 52,000 tons.

Other items of the American building programme include 12 aircraft carriers, 54 cruisers, 200 destroyers and 80 submarines.

It is impossible to guess how many submarines Germany has laid down since there is no solid basis for the American estimate of 300, but it is believed that this figure is by no means unreasonable.

Unconfirmed reports suggest that German capital ships under construction may include two 40,000-ton vessels to be called Friedrich der Grosse and Hindenburg, while reports that the battleships Bismarck and Tirpitz are in full commission must, it is stated, be treated with caution.

Medical Offence Alleged

Woman Faces Charge

A 35-year-old Chinese woman named Wong Yuet-wan, appeared before Mr H. G. Sheldon, K.C. at Central Magistracy this morning charged with being an unregistered medical practitioner and with the possession of poisons at Room No. 11 Ho Tung Building, Queen's Road Central, on March 3 and 4.

Wong was alleged to have treated people for gain and to have had in her possession eight ampoules of hypophysis and one bottle of liquid extract of ergot.

At the request of Sub-Inspector Goodwin, defendant was remanded for a week for the Government analyst's report. Bail in \$500 was allowed.

KING GIVES AUDIENCES

London, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The King gave audience to-day to three important statesmen.

The first was General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French Movement. It was the first time that His Majesty had received General de Gaulle, though he met the French leader when he inspected Free French units last autumn.

The second visitor was President Roosevelt's unofficial representative, Colonel W. J. Donovan.

The third visitor was Mr Winston Churchill.

Japanese Envoy Flies To Iran

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Mar. 4 (Domei).—Mr Kikunori Ichikawa, newly-appointed Japanese Minister to Iran, will leave Tokyo on March 7 on an eight-day air journey to reach his post. This is the first time that a Japanese diplomat is proceeding to his post by air.

Travel by sea from Japan to Iran has been practically cut off. The long course through Soviet Russia to Iran is still open but Mr Ichikawa has decided on an aerial schedule via Teheran, a course of 8,000 miles.

Soviet Rebuke To Sofia Reveals Her Anxiety

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The important statement broadcast from Moscow in regard to the German occupation of Bulgaria has given rise to much comment in diplomatic quarters in London, learns "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent.

There is nothing, however, to suggest that it means more than it says, namely that the Soviet Government does not share the views of the Bulgarian Government that its attitude will lead to preservation of peace.

Consequently, the Soviet Government is unable to support the Bulgarian Government in the prosecution of its present policy.

It is an obvious rebuke to the Government of Bulgaria and gives contradiction to those Bulgarian papers which were spreading reports that Russia was in full agreement with the latest developments.

It must be recalled that the Bulgarian Prime Minister, in his speech at Vienna in signing the Tripartite Pact, re-affirmed his resolve to develop further the traditional friendly relations with the Soviet Union.

This statement, which incidentally was ignored by Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, in his reply, does not seem to have mollified Moscow in any way.

The significant nature of the broadcast is that it was renewed in several languages and on more than one occasion.

Underlying Motive

More will have to be known of the true circumstances and underlying motives of the Soviet statement before any considered judgment would be possible so far as British quarters are concerned. It is clear that opportunity has been taken in the statement to underline the Soviet's attitude of non-involvement in the struggle and her desire that operations should not be extended.

By implication, blame for the spread of the conflict has been put on Germany's shoulders, as the statement clearly implies that the occupation of Bulgaria is to extend the operations.

ALBANIA

New Bomber Type Shot Down

CAIRO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Five enemy aircraft were shot down by R.A.F. fighters in the Corfu area yesterday, says an R.A.F. Middle East communiqué.

The communiqué states: "Greece and Albania: A small formation of R.A.F. fighters patrolling in the vicinity of Corfu yesterday intercepted a squadron of bombers, Italian Caproni 007 (Italy's new three-engined long-distance bombers) and shot down two of them into the sea.

A few minutes later, the same squadron of our fighters encountered another formation of the same type of bombers which were returning from the raid on Larissa. Three of these enemy aircraft were also shot down.

Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. also attacked motor transport concentrations in the Tepellini area."

Artillery In Action

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Intense artillery action on the Albanian front is reported by the Athens radio to-night. An Italian tank was hit by Greek gunfire and burst into flames, the crew being killed.

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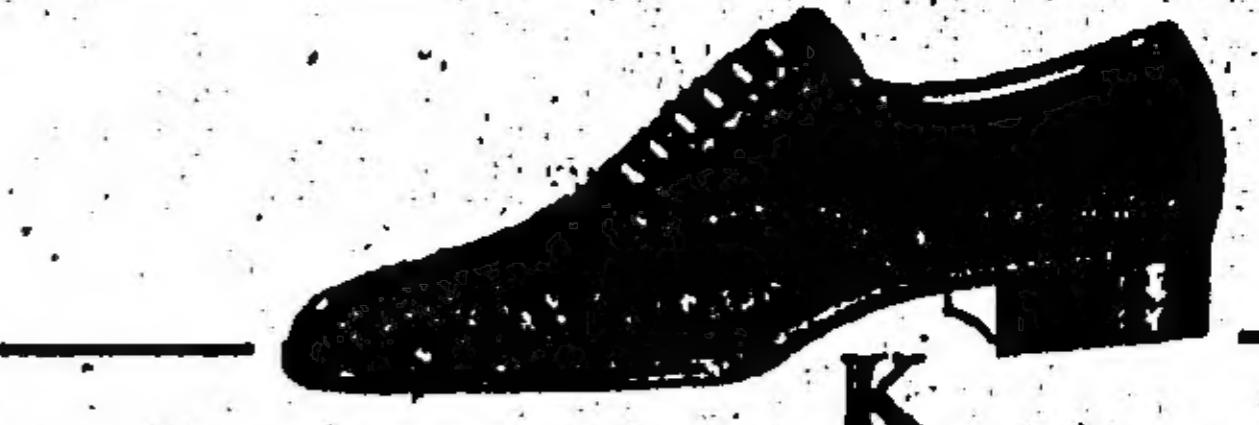
Junks Robbed

Chen Yat-sau, and Leong Ilming, masters of Hongkong-registered junks, have reported to the Police that while sailing in Chinese waters about 8 a.m. on February 28 sailors from Japanese schooner No. 8 boarded their craft and took their entire cargo valued at \$7,250. The junks were then allowed to sail away. No violence was used.

Lightning Hits Police Station

During a thunder storm yesterday, the Shataukok Police Station was struck by lightning at about 10.30 a.m., the entire electrical system being dislocated. Twenty-three electric bulbs were burned out and the wiring in many places was fused; the telephone was also damaged.

A big tree standing at the rear of the building apparently took the brunt of the shock as it was split down the centre and was extensively burnt. Nobody was injured.



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Saints Subdue Cyclones Canuckettes Prepare For Grand Finals

(By "Ball Fan")

CLEAN-CUT yet decisive wins were recorded in Hongkong's two major softball loops at the Kowloon ball diamond as leading teams consolidated their pay-off spots in an anticlimax before next week's all-important grand finale.

The marauding Mohawks lambasted a weak playing Filipino Club 19-0, while Dave Leonard's league leading St Joseph's ballhawks continued up on top with a 8-1 win over the youthful Cyclones. The "bottoms-up" Canucks took another shellacking as they bowed to the C.B.C. clan 8-2.

The Maple Leaf Canuckettes staged a last minute dress rehearsal before the finale, clubbing through to an 11-0 triumph over Ella Chinn's rejuvenated Chung Hwa Maroonettes, as uncle Mike's Rees concluded a disappointing season with a slight sparkle, winning 22-9 from the Little Flowers.

The Maple Leaf Canuckettes beat a gallant, ganged-up Chung Hwa Maroon nine 10-0 for its 12th victory of the year. Paced by the terrific slugging of lanky Rene Yuen, who slammed out a pair of triples, and hurling her Mac Na, the champions displayed a marked all-round superiority, clearly evident throughout the seven innings.

Connecting for eleven solid blows, the winners had Chung Hwa hurler Fungie Liu constantly in trouble, tearing across the plate with tallies in all but the first inning.

Rosie Louie, making her debut at shortstop fielded brilliantly making three putouts and assisting in two others.

The Chung Hwa Maroons bowed out of the current campaign an improved team with more confidence and showing loads of eagerness to be back in the fold next season.

The rough riding Rees left this year's picture with a vengeance, plastering the Little Flower brownies with a 22-9 defeat.

Uncle Mike's cuties, aided by 15 Las Florinhas miscues, scored in every stanza with a twelve-hit barrage. Although augmented by the appearance of Cards' Betty Fitzgerald and Gillie Maita, the brown flowers were unable to solve the offerings of Jerry Jorge and M. Rodrigues.

Melv Campos, Rees' backstop, injured in the 3rd frame, came back to lead the winners' run attack, in her final league appearance this year.

TAKING a two run lead in the 1st frame as Arturo Ozorio and Al Leonard sped across the pan, St Leonard's burly ballhawks pushed over three more markers in the 3rd inning on Stan Leonard's driving triple with

League Standing GIRLS

	W.	L.	P.C.
Canadian Chinese	12	1	.923
Wildcats	12	1	.923
Wahoos	9	4	.692
Cardinals	8	5	.588
Panthers	4	10	.290
Chung Hwa	1	13	.071
Las Florinhas	1	13	.071

First Division

	W.	L.	P.C.
St. Joseph's	10	2	.769
Mohawks	10	2	.769
Recreos A.	7	5	.545
Cyclones	7	5	.545
Filipino Club	2	10	.167
Canadian Chinese	0	13	.000

Second Division

	W.	L.	P.C.
Chung Hwa	0	0	.000
V.R.C.	0	1	.000
Recreos B.	0	2	.007
Corporation	0	4	.000
Liga Portuguesa	4	5	.444
South China	4	5	.444
St. George	0	3	.000
R. Artillery	3	7	.300
C.B.A.	1	8	.111
R. Engineers	0	7	.000

Inter Hong Kong

	W.	L.	P.C.
Hongkong Bank	0	0	.000
Shoreco	0	2	.007
Chartered Bank	1	2	.500
Cables	0	2	.000
Green Spots	0	0	.000

FOOTBALL REFEREES MEETING

THE ALLOTMENT OF GAMES and the award of souvenirs to referees and linesmen who officiate in the Senior and Junior Shield finals was discussed at the fortnight meeting of the Hongkong Referees Association held at the Hotel Cecil yesterday.

It was decided to subject the proposal relating to souvenirs to the Football Association. No replies have yet been received from the F.A. to letters regarding complaints of certain referees to the allotment of games.

Speaker of the evening was Mr. G. Stokes who gave an address on the duties of an official and said that what was most important for the referee was to prevent trouble on the field and the surest method of attaining this was through co-operation between the officials and players.

Artillery Rugby XV

The following will represent Combined Royal Artillery against Middlesex Regiment in the Large Units Rugby League to-day at Sooakpoo at 3 p.m.:

Lieut. Falceroy (6th Hvy.); Sgt. Marsh (7th Hvy.); Gnr. Giblin (5th A.A.); Gnr. Keay (10th Hvy.); Gnr. Richards (8th Hvy.); Capt. Hook (6th Hvy.); Capt. Dobinson (5th A.A.); 2/Lieut. Bonner (H.K.S.R.A.); 2/Lieut. Wedderburn; 2/Lieut. Doldersfield (12th Hvy.); Bdr. Mcw.; 2/Lieut. Heath (5th A.A.); Sgt. Page (5th A.A.); 2/Lieut. Addison (12th Hvy.); Bdr. McDermott (8th Hvy.).

Other units competing were the Rajputana Rifles, the Punjabis, the Mule Corps, and the Indian Army Service Corps.

The course was down Waterloo Road to the Rifle Ranges, and then back again to Boundary Street via La Salle College, terminating at the Polo ground.

H.K.S.R.A. And M'sex Win Cross-Country Races

OVER A SIX MILES COURSE starting from the Polo ground, the Hongkong Area Sports Board held their annual cross-country run yesterday, and in the separate races for Indian and European troops, H.K.S.R.A. took first place in the first named, and Middlesex in the second.

Comparative best individual times were Indians 35 mins 30 secs and Europeans 37 mins 27 secs. The first 12 of the 15 runners counted in the team Championship, and the Hongkong-Singapore Royal Artillery took first place with an aggregate of 164 points.

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European Race

Pte. Manson (Royal Scots) was first home in the race for Europeans unit, clocking 37 mins 27 secs—over the same course. Cpl. Hobson and L/Cpl. Dunne, both of Middlesex, were second and third respectively. Hobson's time being 37.31, Dunne 37.32, and Middlesex, both of Shropshire, were fourth and fifth respectively.

Middlesex won the team event, 12 runners of 15 reaching home in the following order: Cpl. Hobson (2), L/Cpl. Dunne (3), Pte. Coomer (6), Dmr. Morton (7), Pte. Hughes (8), Pte. Sturges (9), Pte. D. Onslow (10), Pte. Giblin (11), Pte. M. Urquhart (12), Pte. McFadden (13), Pte. Macey (24), Pte. Baker (26), Pte. Robertson (27), totalising 161 points, the lowest ever recorded by a European unit and the first time a European line regiment has been awarded the senior trophy.

Royal Scots were second in the team event, and other units in the team were Combined Small Unit Royal Engineers (European and Chinese Sappers), and Royal Artillery. Mrs. McLeod, wife of Brigadier General McLeod, presented the trophies and individual prizes.

A.A.A. Successes

THE fact remains that Sweeney definitely ran the distance in this time and that the only other British amateur to equal that performance was Eric Liddell, the flying Scot.

Sweeney was a member of the R.A.F. long before the outbreak of war. In 1937, when he was a Flight Lieutenant, he equalled the English Native Record of 9.8 secs, at the R.A.F. Championships.

He first came into prominence at the Empire Games meeting of 1934 in London, when he won both the sprints.

Sweeney won the A.A.A. "100" in 1935 and 1939, and the A.A.A. "220" in 1936 and 1937.

Queen's College Sports

The annual Athletic meeting of Queen's College will be held on Saturday, March 13, on the Queen's College Ground, Causeway Bay, at 2 p.m.

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New Far East Hopes

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Following a 30-minute conversation between Mr Shigemitsu, the Japanese Ambassador, and Mr Churchill to-night, it is understood in well-informed quarters that the talk has greatly clarified the air and has revealed that general problems in the Far East are responsive to understanding treatment, learns "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent.

Mr Shigemitsu handed Mr Churchill a communication from Mr Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister.

It will be recalled that Mr Matsuoka sent a direct message to Mr Churchill, to which the latter replied on Monday, February 24.

Mr Matsuoka has now sent his response to Mr Churchill's observations.

The conversations to-day were, therefore, continuation of the talks which have been proceeding for some time.

Oceania Speech

TOKYO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The speech by the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr Matsuoka, last week, wherein he was reported as stating that "the white races must leave Oceania to the Asiatics" has provoked a long statement from the "Domei" news agency.

The agency says that the speech was misunderstood abroad and that there was nothing aggressive in Mr Matsuoka's speech. It also says that Mr Matsuoka's actual words were "it is my consistent intention that the white races should give the Japanese and other Asiatic races the chance to emigrate to and develop Oceania, at least."

New Assurances

LONDON, Mar. 4 (UP).—Official Japanese circles announced to-day that the Ambassador Shigemitsu had handed Mr Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, a new Matsuoka note which is believed to contain fresh assurances that Japan does not intend to attack the British Empire anywhere. Afterwards Mr Churchill and Mr Shigemitsu discussed for 25 minutes the Anglo-Japanese relations and the Far Eastern developments.

It is understood that the Ambassador informed the Prime Minister of the Indo-China-Thailand proposals. Mr Shigemitsu told a Japanese journalist that the talk contributed further to the alleviation of Anglo-Japanese tension and he was of the opinion that the Pacific crisis seemed dissipated. It is understood that the Ambassador expressed satisfaction to Mr Churchill of Mr Menzies' speech last Monday, and he also contended that the triple alliance was designed to prevent the spread of the war to the Far East.

Gen. Smuts Visits War Front Arrival In Kenya

NAIROBI, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—General Smuts, who arrived here to-day, was met by Lieut-Gen. Alan Cunningham, General Officer Commanding the Italian Somaliland front, and by the Governor of Kenya.

General Smuts was accompanied by General Sir P. van Ryneveld, the Union's Chief of Staff, with whom he attended a conference at Government House immediately after his arrival.

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LIBYAN WAR HONOURS

Naval, Land & Air Chiefs Decorated

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—General Sir Archibald Wavell and Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham have been made Knights Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath, and Major-General Richard Nugent O'Connor becomes Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath, states to-night's "London Gazette."

Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore becomes a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.

All the honours awarded are "in recognition of the recent successful combined operations in the Middle East."

Admiral Cunningham was engaged in much of the work of preparation for the Middle East operations.

Air Commodore Raymond Collishaw becomes Commander of the Bath; Lieut-Gen. Wilson becomes Knight of the Grand Cross (Military Division), of the Order of the British Empire. Knight Commanders of the same Division are Major General Beresford-Peirse, Colonel (temporary Major General) O'Moore Creagh and Major General I. G. Mackay, of the Australian Imperial Force.

* General Wavell is General Officer Commanding the Middle East and Admiral Cunningham is C-in-C, Mediterranean Fleet. Major-General O'Connor was officer in charge of operations in the recent fighting. Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore is Air Officer Commanding the Middle East.

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Wilhelmsstrasse official stated to-day that the "dispatch of German troops to Bulgaria was occasioned by evidence in Germany's possession of British plans in south-east Europe." He added: "German forces were sent to protect the country and to frustrate the British designs. "For such task the troops must be suitably equipped, but their number and equipment are not in excess of what is necessary for the task."

Final Issue Unchanged

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The German occupation of Bulgaria cannot affect the final issue nor change the course of events," the Ankara wireless stated to-night.

It added: "The Axis move in the Balkans conclusively proved the contention that the Axis powers have not the courage to attack Great Britain directly. It may be that at the cost of great sacrifice this attack on Great Britain will be attempted, but its success is regarded even in Axis circles as extremely dubious."

"Were the Axis partners sure of success in this direction, they would not seek to shift the scene of operations into another theatre of war."

Von Papen Mission

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Herr Franz von Papen, the German Ambassador, was to-day received by President Inonu of Turkey and read out to him a personal message from Hitler, States the Ankara wireless.

The announcer said: "The President listened to the message with great attention and begged Herr von Papen to convey his thanks to the Fuehrer for this act of courtesy."

"M. Saroglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, was present at the interview which took place at the President's castle at Çankaya, near Ankara."

French Expected To Sign Peace To-day

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settlement of the dispute. However, the Government might be agreeable to an extension for putting the finishing touches to the agreement after an accord has been reached.

To-day or To-morrow

According to a Saigon message, a high Japanese official told the "United Press":

"I am sure the French delegates at Tokio will sign peace on Wednesday or Thursday. Vichy has already accepted in principle to the Thai-Japanese demands. Indo-China will lose some land but not as much as that originally demanded."

He admitted that Japan issued an ultimatum to the French, but said that she did not threaten war in the event of the ultimatum not being accepted.

He complained that French soldiers and detectives in Saigon during the last few days had terrorised and insulted Japanese, several of whom were suffering black eyes, bruises and broken teeth.

He declared: "I cannot understand why the French dislike the Japanese."

He also revealed that Japan is continuing to ship large amounts of munitions and arms to Thailand in view of the fact that Thailand has no neutrals.

Still Seeking Solution

TOKYO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Mr. Matsuoaka is reported to have asked the Vichy Government to give a final reply by to-morrow noon to Japan's plan for the solution of the Thai-Indo-China dispute.

The truce in the frontier war between Thailand and Indo-China ends on Friday.

Mr. Matsuoaka's request, it is stated, was made when he saw M. Arsene Henri, the French Ambassador to-night. M. Henri is stated to have been noncommittal in his attitude towards the plan which was previously reported to have been accepted "in principle" by the French Government.

Wide Divergence

Tokyo, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The fate of the Indo-China truce hangs on the final French reply expected to-day.

The press states that yesterday evening's talk between M. Arsene Henri, the French Ambassador, and Mr. Yosuke Matsuoaka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, revealed a wide gap between the French and Japanese viewpoints.

The "Asahi" emphasises that France's failure to accept without reservations would bring the danger of hostilities during up again between Thailand and Indo-China as the authorities hold that another extension of the Armistice is impossible without understanding.

The nationalist "Kokumin" lashes out at French "baseness," alleging that M. Arsene Henri again submitted an intermediate counter-proposal which had been already rejected as unfair to Thailand.

Eire Wants Arms

DUBLIN, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Mr. Frank Aiken, the Eire Minister for Co-operation of Defensive Measures, is leaving for the United States to-morrow by air to examine the possibilities of purchasing arms and supplies from America, according to official sources.

Parcels To Britain

LONDON, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that any parcel despatched to Britain containing more than two pounds of tea, will be confiscated.

LATE NEWS**World Cruise To Start Soon**

The Hongkong-built 57 ft brigantine "Nuestra Senora de la Paz" (Our Lady of Peace), is expected to leave the Colony for Manila on her maiden voyage, her owner, Sr. Carmelo, the Mexican Consul in Manila told a "Telegraph" reporter to-day.

The two men, who will take the beautiful brigantine round the world, Colonel J. Calvo, Philippine Army Reserve, and Sr. Carmelo, the supervisor of the Air Force in the Philippines, are now in the Colony awaiting the completion of the vessel.

They are the two intrepid airmen who flew a small plane from Manila to Madrid via Hongkong, just before the start of the Spanish civil war.

The brigantine has been built by Tam Tsui's shipyard under the supervision of Mr. E. S. Moses.

Immigration Agent In Chungking

Chungking, Mar. 4. The Hongkong Immigration Office has published an announcement in Chinese newspapers, stating that an office has been opened in Chungking where Chinese wishing to enter Hongkong may apply for landing permits.

The Immigration Officer at Hongkong Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, said yesterday that his department had not opened and did not intend opening a branch office in Chungking. He pointed out that he had merely recognised an agent in Chungking for the Hongkong office.

Mr. Forrest stressed the fact that he had only approved of an agent, and had not appointed one.

Japanese Warship Sunk

SHANGHAI, Mar. 5 (UP).—The "Shun Pao" correspondent at Kinhua reports that Chinese shore batteries sank a Japanese warship on February 27 when the Japanese attempted to land near Wenchow, Chekiang province.

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